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1. In addition to augmentation two C-97's requested by JCA-USA, JCA-USA has now requested a C-97 to replace the C-97 which crashed Uli Airfield night of May 7. C-97 which crashed was total loss due nature crash and reported but unconfirmed strafing shortly thereafter. USG considers it has obligation to maintain level of four C-97's on Sao Tome. Therefore, decision has been made to supply one C-97 to JCA-USA as soon as possible.

2. We will ^{communicate} ~~announce~~ this decision to JCA in a letter dated tomorrow, May 16th. We will also call in Ambassador Iyalla Friday afternoon, May 16, and inform him of this ~~decision~~ decision. Ferguson
Following is a message from/ ~~me~~ to General Gowon which should be presented to him as soon as possible.

Drafted by: /CCFerguson

U/CF:SCS Schott:sm 5/14/69

Tel. Ext. 6215

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3. QTE. Dear General Gowon: Recently one of the four C-97 aircraft sold by the USG to the Joint Church Aid relief group crashed while delivering relief supplies at Uli Airport. The plane suffered damage to such an extent that it will be impossible to return it to operational condition.

I have received a request from the JCA group for a C-97 to replace the destroyed aircraft. Since the original intent of the agreement with Joint Church Aid, which was communicated to your Government, was that the United States Government would maintain JCA's operational capacity at four C-97's, we have an obligation to provide JCA with a replacement for the lost plane.

The decision to replace the destroyed C-97 is, of course, entirely separate from any decision concerning the two additional C-97's requested by JCA-USA in order to augment their present operational fleet. As you are aware, a decision on this matter is in abeyance because of my own strong conviction that a

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better solution to the relief problem can be found. At the invitation of Dr. Arikpo, I shall be coming to Lagos about the 23rd of this month to continue discussions on the Cross River and other surface corridors.

Let me again express my personal appreciation for the humane concern evinced by yourself and your government for the ~~wk~~ welfare of all of the people of Nigeria. My best wishes and sincere regards, C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr. UNQTE.

Ferguson
4. As stated in the letter, /~~I~~ now plan to arrive in Lagos May 23rd hopefully after meeting with Dr. Arikpo in The Hague. The following letter should be given to Dr. Arikpo immediately and his response obtained as soon as possible.

5. QTE. Dear Dr. Arikpo: On behalf of myself and my family I should like to express my appreciation for the condolences of yourself and the people of Nigeria. Your expression of sympathy will be of great personal ~~comfort~~ comfort to me in the difficult days ahead.

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As you know, I had intended to return to Lagos immediately after completing testimony before various of our Congressional committees interested in the relief operations in Nigeria. But, the sad events of last week forced a short postponement. I have now been informed that you will be in The Hague for a few days beginning May ~~XX~~ 20. I had myself planned to call on Foreign Ministry officials at The Hague Monday, May 19, while enroute to Lagos. In light of your own travel plans, I would be more than happy to call upon you at The Hague for a brief chat.

Recently I was assured by representatives of the secessionists here in the United States that they are now prepared to engage in conversations with representatives of the Federal Military Government regarding the proposed Cross River relief route and related matters. Moreover, they indicated that they are prepared to commence such conversations immediately.

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It is apparent that the next step is the identification of an appropriate meeting site. In this connection I have attached a memorandum for consideration by your Government. I should hope that if you and I are able to meet in The Hague that we will be able to reach some initial agreements on acceptable sites for conversations.

As you know, our Government has not yet responded to the rather urgent request by the Joint Church Aid group for additional C-97's. On the other hand our Government does propose to replace the C-97 which recently crashed at Uli. This is in accordance with the intent of the original understanding with Joint Church Aid to maintain the level of C-97's at four.

I am looking forward to meeting you again and, once more, my ~~personal~~ personal thanks for your kind ~~xxx~~ consideration. Best personal regards, Sincerely, C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr.
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6. Following is separate memorandum to be attached to letter to Dr. Arikpo. QTE. Memorandum: In discussions by C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr., Special Coordinator on Relief to Civilian Victims of the Nigerian Civil War, with representatives of ~~both parties~~ ^{both parties} to the conflict ~~Federal Military Government and representatives of the Biafran authorities~~ regarding proposals for the establishment of surface relief routes, it was understood that conversations between ^{two} the/sides in the Civil War on the modalities of the proposed routes would be appropriate. Representatives of both sides have now conveyed agreement in principle to one such route. Moreover, during the course of previous conversations several possible sites for such conversations were suggested by the respective representatives and by the Special Coordinator. Recent developments in military activities and relief operations now appear to make such conversations even more urgent than they were earlier. Consequently, it would be very much appreciated

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if you could inform the Special Coordinator at the earliest possible date ~~of the views of the competent authorities as to~~ the acceptability or non-acceptability of the following cities as likely sites for conversations: Niamey, Cotonou, Accra, Para. Monrovia, ~~Ka~~ Dakar and London or Washington (New York)./ Of the course, none of the governments of the nations (including ~~that~~ appropriate authorities in the ~~of the~~ United States) in which the foregoing cities are located have been approached for their consent. The United States Government is prepared, however, to use its good offices with the appropriate government to secure the necessary consent in the event a mutually acceptable site can be identified. Moreover, in the event particular sites would raise problems of access to communication facilities, the United States Government is prepared to make available suitable radio communication equipment to either side upon request. The United States Government would wish to consider the provision of such equipment

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as a helpful contribution to the humanitarian relief effort.

7. In presenting foregoing messages and to assist FMG understanding of our position, you may make oral reference to fact that we are disturbed at reports we have received that crashed C-97 was strafed next day on airfield by Federal aircraft and burned. We are looking into this matter and would appreciate FMG ~~may be in position to give facts in this regard~~ any information the FMG can supply.

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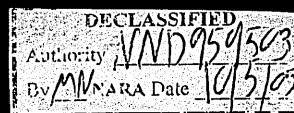
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Ferguson arrives London Monday May 19 via Pan Am 106.

Desires meeting with Foley. Expect depart for Hague
late Monday PM.

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1. Ferguson welcomes appointments with Foley and Tebbit as arranged.
2. Request Embassy reserve day-use room Europa Hotel 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please book Ferguson on flight to Amsterdam or Rotterdam at 9 and 10:00 p.m., subject later ~~xxx~~ cancellation one flight.

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ACTION: Amembassy ROME

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SUBJ: Nigerian Relief

XXREF: Rome's 2758

POL 27-9 Biafra Nigeria

1. Ferguson available meet with Pope Paul June ² ~~1~~ or ³ ~~2~~ re
Nigeria/Biafra relief. Please confirm audience with
Monsignor Bayer or in his absence Monsignor Gasparri,
Under Secretary of the Consiglio per gli Affari Pubblici
della Chiesa.

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ACTION: Amembassy COTONOU PRIORITY
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Subj: Strafing of C-97 at Uli

Ref: Cotonou 496 - POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

1. Reftel report of strafing and rocketing of C-97 at Uli on day following its crash not rpt not yet substantiated by other concrete evidence. Was Leir of Balair eyewitness to incident? Would appreciate verification and further info if possible.
2. Lagos should check UK HICOM (or other sources) for any additional info on incident.
3. FOR GENEVA: Does ICRC accept strafing as fact?

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REF: SECSTATE 76794#

1. MAURICE FOLEY SUGGESTS APPOINTMENT WITH RELIEF COORDINATOR
FERGUSON AT 4:30 MONDAY AFTERNOON (MAY 19) AS HE WILL BE AWAY
FROM OFFICE EARLIER IN DAY. ASST UNDER SECRETY DONALD TEBBIT
AND STAFF WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH FERGUSON EARLIER SAME
AFTERNOON AT 3:00 P.M.

2. ONWARD FLIGHTS TO ROTTERDAM AND AMSTERDAM AT 7:15, 9:00
AND 10:00 MONDAY EVENING. PLEASE ADVISE IF FERGUSON WISHES
BOOKING. ANNENBERG

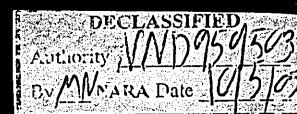
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FM AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1178
INFO USMISSION GENEVA
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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF: ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

REF: A) GENEVA 1352; B) STATE 069442

1. WE APPRECIATED INFOR REF B THAT AID/W AGREED CONTRIBUTE \$450,000 TO ICRC FOR PURCHASE 500 MT ICELANDIC STOCKFISH, PARTICULARLY SINCE GOI REPS IN TOUCH WITH GENEVA HAD BEEN QUERYING US ON PROSPECT CONTRIBUTION.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFOR ON PROSPECTS FURTHER AID/W CONTRI- BUTION FOR PURCHASES ICELANDIC STOCKFISH TO MEET REQUIREMENTS THROUGH AUG 31, 1969 ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED PURCHASES DESCRIBED IN REF A.

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1. As stated reftel, Ferguson arrive^s the Hague evening May 19, will and/stay May 20 and 21. He would like to meet with Huydecoper May 20 to discuss use of joint paper on which Schott and Dewey will work with MFA. Ferguson is sending Arikpo letter through Embassy LAGOS requesting that they meet for conversations prior Ferguson's departure to Lagos. However, until we have a favorable reply from Arikpo, we do not wish to tell Huydecoper that Ferguson has requested meet with Arikpo.
2. We accept Huydecoper's suggestion that talks be held May 17 and 18. Dewey will arrive Friday afternoon from Geneva and Schott Saturday morning from Washington.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Reply to Bishop Swanstrom's Cable

Bishop Swanstrom has requested that the U.S. Government sell to Joint Church Aid (USA) two additional C-97's in order to increase the total number of C-97's available to JCA for airlifting relief supplies into the Biafran enclave. Originally, we sold to JCA at a nominal price four C-97's despite the active opposition of the Federal Government of Nigeria. The Federal Government is presently aware of JCA's request for two additional planes and has made its firm opposition to the sale known to the Department. The Nigerian Government explicitly linked present negotiations concerning a surface corridor with any sale of the additional aircraft to JCA. Negotiations on a surface corridor are now in an active phase and we have assurances that the Nigerian Government is prepared to approve a surface corridor plan.

Bishop Swanstrom is aware of our problem of releasing C-97's at this time. Extensive conversations have been held with his principal officer in charge of the airlift, Mr. Edward Kinney, and James MacCracken, Director of Church World Services, which is a principal partner of Catholic Relief Services in the JCA operation. We have been exploring with them ways to maximize the use of their present complement of aircraft without actually increasing

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the size of the complement. At the same time, we are examining ways of improving their financial position. They, on their part, are exploring the possibility of procuring commercial aircraft, particularly aircraft of foreign registry.

Since Bishop Swanstrom's request for two additional aircraft was received, one JCA C-97 crashed while landing at Uli Airport. The crew was not injured, but the aircraft as a result of the crash was a total loss. We have anticipated a request for a replacement for this aircraft and have decided that we will make available a replacement for the lost C-97, as stated in the attached letter to Bishop Swanstrom.

For your background information, prior to the introduction of the four C-97's in January of this year, the total Sao Tome air fleet included six DC-6's, two DC-7's, one C-46, and one Constellation all flying an average of 70 tons nightly into Uli airfield. With the introduction of the four C-97's, two DC-6's and two DC-7's were dropped. Severe C-97 supply and maintenance problems resulted, however, in an initial net decrease in tons flown; but with refinements in the support system and extensive help from the U.S. Air Force in finding parts, these planes have now become a major ingredient of the airbridge. Airlift capacity has recently been averaging 160 tons per night.

Because of the close relations which already exist between Bishop Swanstrom and Dr. Ferguson,

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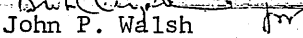
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and the possibility that Dr. Ferguson should brief Bishop Swanstrom more fully on the negotiations surrounding a surface relief corridor, it is felt that a reply to the Bishop's cable should be made by Dr. Ferguson. Moreover, Dr. Ferguson has already replied to an earlier cable from the Bishop concerning the same subject.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the attached reply to Bishop Swanstrom for signature by Dr. Ferguson.


John P. Walsh
Acting Executive Secretary

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Attachments:

1. Incoming correspondence
2. Suggested reply

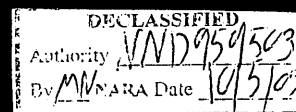
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 6, 1969

TO: State Secretariat

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FROM: Jeannette Davis

For recommendation as to reply.

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INSUFFICIENT PLANES HAVE SERIOUSLY HAMPERED OUR OPERATION
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PRESIDENT NIXON

WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTONDC (VIA WUI)

REPRESENTATIVES OF CHURCH AGENCIES MAINTAINING JOCA AIRLIFT SAC
FROM SIERRA GATHERED HERE IN ROME FOR PLENARY SESSION
INTERNATIONAL CARITAS URGE ME TO APPEAL TO YOU ONCE AGAIN TO
HELP NEGOTIATE OUR PURCHASE TWO ADDITIONAL CS76 TO MAKE IT
POSSIBLE FOR US TO INCREASE SUPPLY OF FOOD SO TRAGICALLY
NEEDED TO EASE SUFFERING AND STARVATION SIERRA THIS MOMENT

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: The Secretary of State

Date: May 12, 1969

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☐ Direct reply.
☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☒ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

Letter: ☒ Telegram: ☐ Other: ☐
To: The President
From: Bishop Swanstrom, President, Joint Church AID, USA, Rome
Date: 5/11/69
Subject: Says in view of loss of 2 planes this week -- need for purchase of 2 additional planes which he requested recently more critical than ever.

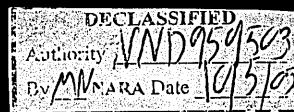
By direction of the President:

John R. Brown III
Staff Assistant
to the President

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IN VIEW OF LOSS ONE ICRC PLANE AND ONE JOINT CHURCH AID PLANE
THIS WEEK OUR NEED FOR THE PURCHASE TWO ADDITIONAL
PLANES WHICH I REQUESTED RECENTLY IS MORE CRITICAL THAN EVER
BISHOP SWANSTROM PRESIDENT JOINT CHURCH AID USA.

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DRAFT

Dear Bishop Swanstrom:

The President has asked that I reply to your telegrams to him requesting his assistance in obtaining two additional C-97's for the JCA relief airlift from Sao Tome.

AS I stated in my letter to you of May 2, any increase in U.S. Government supplied aircraft must be considered in the light of its effect on present efforts to obtain other relief routes. At the same time, however, we shall make every effort to assure that the original complement of four C-97's is maintained and that our financial support of the airlift is maximized.

In order to assure the continued effectiveness of the JCA-USA airlift, the Department of State has approved the sale of a replacement aircraft for the C-97 which crashed on Uli airstrip on the night of May 7. We expect a rapid consummation of the sale and early delivery of this aircraft to JCA-USA.

You have my personal assurance that your request for the additional C-97's will be kept under active consideration by my office. An augmentation of your present complement of four

Most Rev. Edward Swanstrom
Executive Director
Catholic Relief Services
350 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10001

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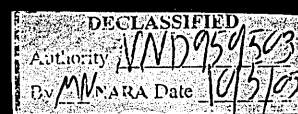
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aircraft will be weighed against the progress being made on the opening of a surface corridor. I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss this problem with you personally and hope that we may find a time to meet in the near future.

Sincerely,

C. Clyde Ferguson
Special Coordinator for
Nigerian Relief

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Washington, D.C. 20520

May 14, 1969

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MEMORANDUM

TO: S/S - Mr. John P. Walsh
FROM: U/CF - C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr. *ccf*
SUBJECT: Bishop Swanstrom's Cable Regarding C-97's

Attached is a suggested memorandum from yourself to Dr. Kissinger with a recommended reply to Bishop Swanstrom's cable.

Attachment:

As stated.

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See 27-9 Bishop - suggested

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TO U/CF - Mr. Dawson

DATE 5/7/69

SUBJECT Telegram to the Pres. fr Bishop Swastpom dtd 5/2 re Biafra.

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XX Prepare a ~~Read to~~ Kissinger
memo enclosing or containing:

Draft reply for President's
signature.

Draft reply for signature by

Memo for use as enclosure to reply
by White House.

XXXXX ~~Comment~~ re recommendation re reply.

Direct reply:

Furnish information copy under
cover of a Read to
memo.

Comeback copy required for S/S.

Suitable acknowledgment or other
appropriate handling:

Furnish information copy of
reply, if any, under cover of
a Read to memo.

XX Refer to White House request of
Mrs. Davis, 5/6/69.

FYI

xx Due in S/S by 5/8.

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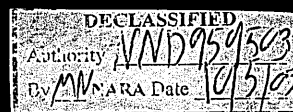
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Previous tel from Bishop Swanstrom to the President was assigned to U/CF under Action Slip 7215, 5/7/69

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ACTION: US Mission Geneva

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REF: Geneva's 1383 p.u. 27-9 B w

INFO: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Lagos

1. Gutman arrives 16 May TWA flight 830. Please meet and reserve hotel 3 days pending other arrangements for balance. TDY.
2. Schott arrives 20 May, 10:00 A. M KLM 331 from The Hague. Request Mission make appointments for Schott and Gutman with Freymond, Lindt, if available, Schaedler, Basset, Frey, Gerber and others. Purpose of visit is to introduce Gutman, discuss general matters and Gutman's advisory and liaison role in planning and programming. We wish to allay any residual fears ICRC may have that Gutman will engage in auditing exercise of some kind.
3. Decision regarding secretarial arrangements deferred until we can jointly determine added work load. Request Mission assign two offices and secretarial space for use Gutman and Ferguson staff.

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1. Until further notice you should remain in Cotonou and act in accordance with present instructions.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2480
INFO AMEMBASSY OSLO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 1816

SUBJ: AID/W TABULATION OF AID TO NIGERIA/BIAFRA

REF: OSLO'S 1820

MFA OFFICIAL (THUNE ANDERSEN) WHO ATTENDED MAY 12 MTG
IN OSLO ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN RECEIVING AID/W TABULATION.
THEREFORE REQUEST THAT COPENHAGEN BE INCLUDED AS ADDRESSEE.
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TO: SECSTATE WASHDC 6549:

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REF: STATE 075521

Pol 27-9 Biafra Nigeria

SUBJ: BILATERAL TALKS:

1. DUTCH AMB. CONFIRMS: ARIKPO ARRIVES THE HAGUE EVENING
MAY 20 AND WILL BE THERE 21ST AND 22ND AFTER WHICH
PROCEEDING BRUSSELS AND ROME. EDW. ENAHORO
ACCOMPANYING.

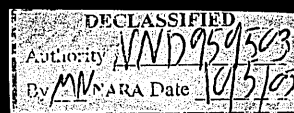
2. WOULD APPRECIATE FERGUSON NEW ETA LAGOS.

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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE
TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS PRIORITY
SECSTATE WASHDC 2560

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SUBJECT: DR. O'MALLEY

REF: LAGOS 4228

HAVE JUST RECEIVED REFTEL. REGRET YOU APPARENTLY
DID NOT RECEIVE OUR 481 OF MAY 12 REPORTING
DR. O'MALLEY DISCOURAGED BY EXPERIENCE HERE.
DEPARTED GABON MAY 10 VIA ABIDJAN FOR U.S.
APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS AND REGRET INCONVENIENCE
CAUSED.
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AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
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SUBJECT: FURTHER NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE TO CIVILIAN VICTIMS
IN NIGERIA/BIAFRA

REF: OSLO 1820, GENEVA 1473 (NOTAL)

1. FONOFF (ARNESON) MAY 13: GAVE EMBASSY FOLLOWING INFO RE NORWEGIAN
STOCKFISH TO NIGERIA/BIAFRA WHICH SUPPLEMENTS AND AMPLIFIES
INFO RE FTLS.

2. GON PRESENTLY PLANNING DONATE 3,000 TONS STOCKFISH
FOR NORWEGIAN PORT DIVIDED BETWEEN ICRC AND NORWEGIAN CHURCH
EMERGENCY RELIEF (NCER). STOCKFISH COSTS 12 MILLION
KRONER. ADDITIONAL COST OF COLLECTING, PACKING AND SHIPPING
TO NORWEGIAN PORT IS ABOUT ONE THOUSAND KRONER PER TON. FOR
TOTAL OF 3 MILLION KRONER. PREVIOUSLY, GON DID NOT RPT NOT

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PAY FOR PACKING ETC., WHICH CHARGES BORNE BY RECEIVING AGENCIES.

3. THE 1,000 TONS STOCKFISH DONATION ANNOUNCED MAY 9 BY GON IS PART OF 3,000 TONS PARA 2 ABOVE AND WILL GO TO NCER. GON COULD ANNOUNCE THIS PART OF PLAN BECAUSE NECESSARY 5 MILLION KRONER AVAILABLE AND THUS PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL NOT RPT NOT REQUIRED.

4. DECISION ON REMAINING 2,000 TONS (VALUE INCLUDING COLLECTING, ETC. 10 MILLION KRONER) WHICH REQUIRES PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL, WILL BE MADE SHORTLY, POSSIBLY BY END OF WEEK. DESIGNATION WILL BE 500 TONS TO NCER AND 1,500 TONS ICRC.

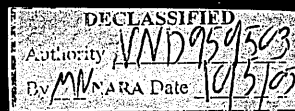
5. ANY GON CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (OSLO 1820) WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO 3,000 TONS DESCRIBED THIS TEL.

6. NORDIC COMMITTEE WHICH MET OSLO MAY 1 QTE ONLY EXCHANGED INFORMATION UNQTE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HIS COMMITTEE, AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, IS NOT RPT NOT PLANNING OFFICIALLY TO COORDINATE NORDIC AID TO BIAFRA BUT RATHER TO SERVE AS NORDIC INFORMATION EXCHANGE THIS SUBJECT. NO DATE SET FOR NEXT MEETING.

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TO: SECSTATE: WASHDC 1277
INFO: AMEMBASSY: LAGOS
AMEMBASSY: LONDON

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SUBJECT: ICRC MEASLES/SMALLPOX CAMPAIGN IN BIAFRA

REF: STATE 074938

1. ICRC INFORMS US: DR. BOURKE DEPARTED GENEVA FOR LONDON ONE WEEK AGO. ICRC THOUGHT BOURKE STILL IN LONDON AT FOLLOWING ADDRESS: COLLEGE PLACE HOTEL, 1 UNIVERSITY ST., LONDON, W.C. 1.

2. WE HAVE TELEPHONED COLLEGE PLACE HOTEL WHICH INFORMS US BOURKE NOT REGISTERED THERE.

3. LONDON MAY WISH TRY AGAIN CONTACT BOURKE AT COLLEGE PLACE HOTEL, TUBBY

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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: May 14, 1969

SUBJECT: Nigerian Relief

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. Kenneth O. Dike, Roving Representative
of Biafra
Ambassador Timothee N' Guetta Ahoua,
Embassy of the Republic of Ivory Coast
Dr. C. Clyde Ferguson, Special Coordinator
on Nigerian Relief
Mr. Stephen C. Schott, U/CF

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Dr. Dike stated that he had sought an appointment with Dr. Ferguson in order to explain to him some of the background to the Civil War in Nigeria. The principal point that he made was that relief was inextricably bound up with some of the political issues and, therefore, he hoped that Dr. Ferguson would be willing to make his voice heard on the political issues as well as the relief issues. He also expressed the opinion that the war could not be resolved by a military victory of the Federal Government over the secessionists, and that there must be a peaceful settlement to it. He also said that he regretted very much that the U.S., although declaring itself neutral in many ways, prejudiced its position in many small ways which revealed its true attitude.

Dr. Ferguson stated that he was well aware of the political issues involved in relief; however, his mandate was to deal with the relief problems and only the relief problems. Therefore, he was obliged to press ahead to obtain as much agreement as he could

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on an adequate level of relief and a means of delivering it. Nevertheless, he would not be a stumbling block to discussions of a truce or political settlement if the parties had first come together to discuss relief.

Dr. Ferguson told Dr. Dike that there already was substantial agreement on surface corridor proposals and that he was now trying to get an agreement from both sides to meet at a commonly agreed site to work out a viable modus operandi. It was recognized that this might present both sides with an opportunity to discuss other matters as well as relief. If such were to happen, he felt sure that the U.S. would not withdraw its good offices. However, he himself would have to seek new instructions from the Department.

With regard to sites, Dr. Ferguson noted that Addis Ababa apparently would not appeal to the Biafrans, but that perhaps London would be acceptable. Dr. Dike expressed doubt about London, saying that the atmosphere there was prejudiced. Dr. Ferguson mentioned that he was preparing an approach to both the Federal Government and the Biafran authorities on the question of site selection.

Dr. Dike said that it would be a mistake for Ferguson to believe that this was solely an African affair; and, he suspected the good faith of statements that it could be settled by Africans. He went on to express the opinion that the U.S. should recognize that it was the only country which could bring a resolution to the problem. Furthermore, the interested parties should not have a rigid concept of the term, "one Nigeria" since there were many possibilities for solution that would preserve the unity of Nigeria.

Dr. Ferguson responded that he still believed that this is an African problem which should be solved by Africans. However, he recognized the involvement of other European powers in African affairs. Nevertheless, the U.S. would not

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become embroiled politically or militarily in the Nigerian Civil War. On the other hand, we were prepared to offer our good offices to both parties, and he personally recognized that there were many gradations of sovereignty which would offer the Biafran people a degree of autonomy and security satisfactory to them within a united Nigeria.

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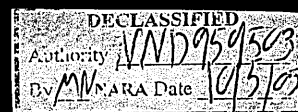
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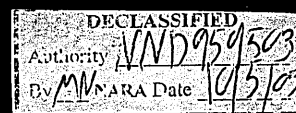
SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF--BILATERAL TALKS

REF: STATE 75521

1. HUYDECOPER WELCOMES VISIT BY FERGUSON, SCHOTT AND DEWEY, HOWEVER, HE PREFERS TO MEET WITH SCHOTT AND DEWEY TOGETHER AND IS WILLING HOLD DISCUSSIONS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 17 AND 18.
2. IT APPEARS PREFERABLE TO US FOR SCHOTT TO ARRIVE 16TH IF POSSIBLE IN ORDER AVOID NECESSITY BEGIN LENGTHY DISCUSSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TIRING FLIGHT TYLER

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SUBJ: Bilateral Talks

REF: The Hague 1768

1. Schott, Dewey will arrive for talks with Huydecoper May 16 and 17. Dewey will arrive from Geneva late afternoon on 15th for preliminary technical discussions on 16th. Will cable ETA from Geneva. Request hotel reservation May 15-19.
2. Schott will arrive on 17th to continue discussions, including actual drafting of relief paper. Request hotel reservations 17-19th.
3. Ferguson will delay departure for Lagos and arrive in The Hague on 19th. FYI - Before proceeding to Lagos, Ferguson would like to meet privately with Arikpo - End FYI. Reserve room for 19th - 21st.

RICHARDSON

End.

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1. Ronald Davidson, Office of Special Coordinator on Nigerian Relief, arriving Lagos Friday, May 16, 8:50 AM, via BOAC 277, for discussions with Wood of Relief Office and ICRC.

Request hotel for two weeks.

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1. Please pass following message to Ambassador Lindt from Ferguson:

QTE Thanks for your messages concerning the USPHS epidemiologist/nutritionist team. Although it has not been possible to extend period of service from 59 to 90 days, am sure ~~you~~ you will be glad to know that new team, headed by Dr. Paul M. Cox, will arrive Lagos May 16, with possibly Dr. Sharrar staying on for two-week overlap. Kindest regards.

UNQTE.

End.

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1. Dewey and Davidson arriving Geneva Wednesday, May 14, for discussions with ICRC. Request reservations at Hotel California, one night.

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SUBJ: USE OF DR. O'MALLEY'S SERVICES BY FMG

REF: LIBREVILLE'S 466 LAGOS 4113

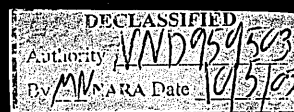
1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR FMG ARMED FORCES MEDICAL SERVICE HAS
NOW TOLD DATT THAT HE COULD MAKE USE DR. O'MALLEY'S SERVICES
AND WOULD LIKE HIM TO COME. NEXT STEP IS TO OBTAIN AIRPORT
VISA WHICH REQUIRES O'MALLEY'S FULL NAME, PASSPORT NUMBER,
DATE AND PLACE OF ISSUE, FLIGHT AND DATE OF ARRIVAL. BELIEVE
THURSDAY EARLIEST FEASIBLE DATE PLAN ON ARRIVAL IN VIEW. NEED
ASSURE ISSUANCE AIRPORT VISA ON ARRIVAL. APPRECIATE RECEIVING
ABOVE INFO SOONEST.
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SUBJ: BRITISH POLICY TOWARD NIGERIA

1. DEPARTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER HUNT WILL BE MAKING
FAREWELL CALLS ON HEAD OF STATE GOWON AND EX-TRAFF COMMISSIONER
ARIKPO THIS WEEK. HE PROPOSES RAISE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. NEGOTIATIONS. TAKE SOUNDINGS ON CURRENT STATE OF CHESHIRE
PROPOSALS AND ACTIVITIES OF BIAFRAN REPS IN THE
UNITED STATES.

B. REITERATE BRITISH WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTRIBUTE
TO NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION AND CONTINUE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO PUBLIC CORPORATIONS, STATUTORY BODIES

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AND INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

C. HUNT PLANS TO TRY TO PERSUADE FMG NOT RPT NOT TO MAKE AERIAL SURVEILLANCE A CONDITION OF THEIR AGREEMENT TO DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS SINCE THIS WOULD GIVE OOUKWU GOOD EXCUSE TO TURN IT DOWN. HUNT WILL SUGGEST THAT RED CROSS MIGHT MAKE A FUSS IF ARMS FLOWN IN DURING THE DAY.

D. ON ARMS ORDERS, HE WILL EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO PLACE THEM EARLY.

2. FOREGOING ARE HUNT'S PROPOSALS AND BASED ON PAST FORM WE ASSUME FMG WILL ACQUIESCE IN HIS VALEDICTORY.

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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE
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AMEMBASSY LONDON

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REF: LIBREVILLE 479

BELGIAN DC-6 00-HEX (PARA 2: REFTEL) WAS SEEN ULI NIGHT
MAY 5-6 BY TRAINED U.S. OBSERVER UNLOADING LARGE BALES,
POSSIBLY UNIFORM CLOTH, AND TAKING ON CARGO WHAT APPEARED
TO BE BAGGED COCOA BEANS.

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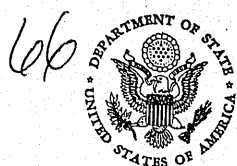
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ROBERT N. EVANS: USAID: SMALLPOX: MEASLES: PROGRAM
ARRIVING SUNDAY 25 NA 481 NATIONAL AIRPORT 0927
FOR MEDICAL CONSULTATION AS REQUESTED.
PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

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SUBJECT: Relief Corridors

REF: Lagos 3897 ✓

1. Schott's recent conversations in the Hague revealed that optimistic the Dutch are ~~confident~~ sufficient tugs and barges are available commercially in Nigeria to service the Degema-Oguta route (their estimate is eighteen 100-ton barges and 5 tugs). We need a refined estimate including estimates from operators such as Holt and Elder Dempster as to how many could be released. This in preparation Dewey's discussions with Dutch on May 16. Also needed is a better fix on dates marking beginning and end of period when usual 4-foot dry season depths over both the Burutu and Degema routes leading to Oguta are exceeded by significant enough amounts to permit the 6'-7' draft tugs and barges cited by the Dutch to operate.

2. Schott observed Dutch have done most thorough job on Degema route work-up. We need similarly thorough work-ups on this and

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Info:

Burutu route, hopefully prior discussions in the Hague on 16th.

3. Dewey travel plans are to arrive Geneva May 14 and arrive the Hague the 15th. Would appreciate your cabling data you have to reach him at either location.

4. Dewey tentatively plans arrive Lagos May 16 or 17 for technical route discussions prior Ferguson arrival on the 18th.

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AMEMBASSY LONDON

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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF

REF: STATE 73967

1. ARIKPO WAS VERY PLEASED WHEN I TOLD HIM THIS MORNING THAT FERGUSON RETURNING TO LAGOS MAY 18.

2. ARIKPO CONFIRMED IYALLA STATEMENT TO FERGUSON THAT FMG NAVY NO LONGER RAISING DIFFICULTIES ABOUT INSPECTION LSM'S FOR USE ON CROSS RIVER. I REMINDED ARIKPO THAT CROSS RIVER OPERATION COULD NOT BEGIN WITHOUT AGREEMENT WITH REBELS ON MODALITIES AND ASKED WHETHER FMG NOW PROPOSED TO MEET WITH REBELS AS FERGUSON HAD EARLIER PROPOSED. ARIKPO SAID YES.

3. RE DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS, ARIKPO SAID HE EXPECTED TO SEE LINDT MAY 13. HE COMMENTED THAT LINDT HAD NOT BEEN VERY SPECIFIC IN REPORTING TO EXTATE BIENAHORO ON LINDT/BERG TALKS WITH REBELS. ABOUT ALL THAT LINDT HAD SAID WAS THAT REBELS WERE NOW WILLING TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS.

4. I COMMENTED THAT I WAS CONCERNED THAT NAF SEEMED TO BE INSISTING ON SURVEILLANCE OF DAYLIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS. THIS WAS NOT PRACTICABLE METHOD OF ENSURING AGAINST MINGLING OF ARMS FLIGHTS WITH RELIEF FLIGHTS. FMG'S BEST GUARANTEE WOULD BE CONTROL OF RECEIVING AIRSTRIP BY ICRC OR OTHER AGREED ENTITY.

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ARIKPOI EXPRESSED AGREEMENT AND SAID HE WAS SURE FMG WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE CHANCE OF DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS BY INSISTING ON INAF SURVEILLANCE.

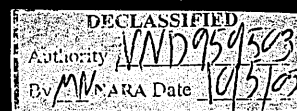
5. RE JCA REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL C-97'S I SAID I WAS SORRY IYALLA HAD TAKEN SUCH NEGATIVE POSITION IN TALK WITH FERGUSON. ARIKPOI RESPONDED THAT FMG FELT VERY STRONGLY ABOUT PROVISION ADDITIONAL C-97'S TO JCA WHILE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH DAYLIGHT FLIGHT AND SURFACE ROUTE WERE UNDER WAY. HE MADE TANGENTIAL COMMENT THAT FMG HAD HOPED THAT FERGUSON'S ATTEMPT TO STIMULATE GREATER AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN RELIEF OPERATIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL BY NOW AND THAT USG MIGHT HAVE MADE PLANES AVAILABLE TO AFRICANS.

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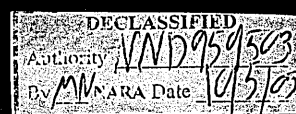
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DR. O'MALLEY INFORMED US MAY 9 HEI INTENDED DEPART
LIBREVILLE MAY 10 TO RETURN TO U.S. VIA ABIDJAN
AND PRESUMABLY HEI DIDI SO.
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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF--BILATERAL TALKS ON SURFACE CORRIDORS

1. HUYDECOPER WELCOMES TALKS MAY 16 AND 17. HIS PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF PAPER GIVEN HIM BY SCHOTT ON MAY 9 LEADS HIM TO BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SOME PROBLEM IN RECONCILING DUTCH AND U.S. PAPERS. SO THAT JOINT PAPER CAN BE PRODUCED DURING THESE TALKS HE HOPES U.S. WILL SEND PERSONS ABLE TO DISCUSS BOTH TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS. HE WILLING MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE ALSO MAY 15 (HOLIDAY IN NETHERLANDS) IF DESIRED.

2. REQUEST RESPONSE SOONEST IN VIEW OTHER OBLIGATIONS MFA OFFICIALS AND DIFFICULTIES OBTAINING HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THIS TIME.

3. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER EXTAFF ARIKPO WILL VISIT NETHERLANDS MAY 20-23 AND HOPES CALL ON LUNS AMONG OTHERS. VISIT BEING MADE AT NIGERIAN INITIATIVE, BUT WE WOULD EXPECT GON TO USE OPPORTUNITY RAISE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF.

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AMEMBASSY ROME
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SUBJECT: FURTHER NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE TO CIVILIAN VICTIMS
IN NIGERIA/BIAFRA

REF: OSLO'S 1796

1. FONOFF INFORMS US THAT 1,000 TONS OF STOCKFISH REPORTED
REFTEL AND VALUED AT ABOUT 5 MILLION KRONER WILL COME FROM
6,000 TONS STILL ON HAND FROM 1968 CATCH AND UNDERWRITTEN
FINANCIALLY BY GON.
2. FONOFF INFORMANT (SVENNEVIG, WORKING UNDER AMBASSADOR
CAPPELEN) ALSO TOLD FONOFF THAT ANOTHER 2,000 TONS FROM
6,000 CITED ABOVE POSSIBLY RPT POSSIBLY WILL BE GIVEN BY GON
AS A CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) AND IT DEPENDS
ON WFP WHETHER ANY OF THIS ALSO WILL BE CHanneLED TO NIGERIA/BIAFRA.
SVENNEVIG DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS WOULD BE THE CASE AND WAS
RELUCTANT TO TALK ABOUT IT BECAUSE OF RISK OF DOUBLE COUNTING

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IF THIS ALSO REPORTED BY WFP ROME. (SVENNEVIG SAID THAT PART OF GON 3,700 TON STOCKFISH CONTRIBUTION TO WFP IN 1968 IN ADDITION TO NORWAY'S REGULAR WFP CONTRIBUTION HAD IN FACT BEEN CHanneLED BY WFP TO NIGERIA/BIAFRA.)

3. SVENNEVIG SAID MOST CONFIDENTIALLY HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT THAT UP TO STILL ANOTHER 2,000 TONS OF STOCKFISH MIGHT RPT MIGHT ALSO BE DONATED TO NIGERIA/BIAFRA BY GON, BUT THROUGH WHICH AGENCIES HE DID NOT KNOW.

4. SVENNEVIG SAID THAT QUESTION OF CASH PAYMENTS FOR SEA AND AIR FREIGHT FOR STOCKFISH IS UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE (PARA 4, REFTEL).

5. IN ADDITION, SAID SVENNEVIG, GON IS CONSIDERING A PROJECT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INDUCE NIGERIANS/BIAFRANS TO USE CASAVA LEAVES AS WELL AS GOTS FOR NUTRITION. PRESENT THINKING IS THAT NORWEGIAN EXPERTS WOULD RENDER THIS ASSISTANCE IN NIGERIA/BIAFRA UNDER NORWEGIAN RED CROSS OR NORWEGIAN CHURCH EMERGENCY RELIEF AUSPICES.

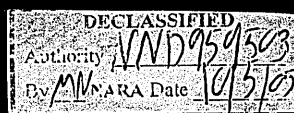
6. EMBASSY WILL OBTAIN ASAP FILL-IN FROM NORWEGIAN PARTICIPANTS TODAY'S JOINT NORDIC COMMITTEE MEETING (OSLO 1794) AND REPORT PROMPTLY.

7. ONE OF NORWEGIAN FONOFF PARTICIPANTS IN THAT MEETING URGENTLY TELEPHONE EMBASSY THIS MORNING TO ASK FOR RESULTS OF AIDW TABULATION (STATE 043272). EMBASSY THEREFORE URGENTLY REPEATS ITS REQUEST (PARA 3 OSLO 1197). GON REPS OBVIOUSLY VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE INFO, AND WE SAID EMBASSY WOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO OBTAIN WITHIN ONE WEEK, IF THIS IS POSSIBLE.

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

REF: OSLO 1796

1. AT ICRC MEETING WITH COOPERATING AGENCIES MAY 9 LINDT PRESENTED REPORT PREPARED BY ICRC SUPPLY COORDINATOR FREY ON HIS TRIP WITH GENDROM (UNICEF) TO NIGERIA. REPORT (COPY POUCH 9TH) IS BEING SENT BY ICRC TO ALL PERMANENT MISSIONS, GENEVA; ALL NATIONAL RC SOCIETIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

2. AT MEETING LINDT ANNOUNCED GON HAD OFFERED 3,000 TONS STOCK-FISH FOB NORWEGIAN PORT. ALTERNATIVE OFFER WAS 1,500 TONS STOCK-FISH PLUS 2 MILLION KRONER PLUS CASSAVA LEAF PROJECT VALUED AT ONE MILLION KRONER. OFFER WAS HALF FOR ICRC, HALF FOR CHURCHES. IN FOLLOWUP MAY 10 LINDT INDICATED TO MISOFF ICRC MIFFED BY GON FAILURE INCLUDE SHIPPING COSTS. HOWEVER, ICRC HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OXFAM WHICH ABLE OFFER POUNDS 25,000 FOR SHIPPING.

3. ALSO EMERGED THAT FOOD SURVEY TEAM COMPRISING MAH, ETIENNE, BERNET (SWISS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE EXPERT IN DAHOMEY) AND CARE AG EXPERT DUE ARRIVE BIAFRA NIGHT OF 10TH. THIS ACTION FOLLOWS APPARENTLY BITTER SWEDISH COMMENTS ON USELESSNESS OF PRELIMINARY

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Subject: USPHS Physicans

New USPHS physician/epidemiologist team arriving
Lagos week of May 12. Will follow-up with more details.

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ACTION: Amembassy LAGOS PRIORITY

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INFO: Amembassy ADDIS ABABA

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Amembassy COPENHAGEN

Amembassy HAGUE

Amembassy COTONOU

Amembassy LONDON

Amembassy PARIS

SUBJECT: FERGUSON VISIT

FOR MATHEWS

Ferguson to arrive Lagos May 18. FYI Mrs. Ferguson
passed away May 9. Services, burial to be Baltimore May 13

END FYI

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INFO ~~EXXEN~~ Amembassy COPENHAGEN For Under Secretary Richardson
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UNSEC // that

Inform Huydecoper/Office of Special Coordinator on
Nigerian Relief regrets that bilateral talks on relief routes
must be postponed. This occasioned by ^{sudden} ~~unexpected~~ death
Mrs. Ferguson, who died May 9. We will be prepared hold
talks May 16 and 17, which Huydecoper offered as alternate
dates. Request you confirm these dates.

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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2555
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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
AMEMBASSY DAKAR
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
USMISSION GENEVA
AMEMBASSY LAGOS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 479

CITE SICR-DCDB 21909 (DIA)

1. FOLLOWING PRESUMED ARMS FLIGHTS APPARENTLY MADE PAST
WEEK SINCE MAY 31

DC-4 F-BBDD NIGHTS MAY 4-5, 5-6, 6-7, 8-9, 9-10.

DC-4 TR-LNV NIGHTS MAY 4-5, 5-6, 6-7, 9-10.

2. PRESUMED RELIEF FLIGHTS SAME PERIOD:

DC-6 OO-HEX NIGHTS MAY 5-6, 6-7, 7-8, 8-9, 9-10.

THIS AIRCRAFT WAS IN MILITARY AREA DURING MAY 5 WHICH

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INFO USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY

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REF OSLO 1794 (NOTAL)

SUBJECT: FURTHER NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE TO CIVILIAN VICTIMS
OF NIGERIA/BIAFRA CONFLICT

1. PURSUANT LAST PARA REFTEL FONOFF (BRUN DEPUTY DIRECTOR
COMMERCIAL POLICY) TOLD EMBOFF MAY 10 THAT GON TOOK DECISION
MAY 9 TO GRANT ADDITIONAL RELIEF IN FORM OF NORWEGIAN STOCKFISH
TO CIVILIAN VICTIMS OF NIGERIA/BIAFRA CONFLICT, THAT QUANTITY INVOLVED

IS ONE THOUSAND TONS, AND THAT GON DECISION TAKEN IN GREAT HASTE
UNDER PRESSURE OF NORWEGIAN CHURCH EMERGENCY RELIEF ON BASIS ITS
REPORTS THAT FOOD SITUATION IN BIAFRA EXPECTED TO DETERIORATE
BADLY IN JUNE AND JULY.

2. BRUN STATED THAT STOCKFISH WILL BE TAKEN FROM 1968 CATCH
EARLIER UNDERWRITTEN BY GON, WITH GON BEARING COSTS OF
COLLECTING, SORTING AND SHIPPING FROM NORTH NORWAY.

3. BRUN ADDED THAT MATTER HAS BEEN HANDLED WITHIN FONOFF ION
VERY URGENT AND CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AT STATE SECRETARY JACOBSEN.

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AMBASSADOR CAPPELEN LEVEL. WE WILL ASK FOR FULLER INFORMATION MONDAY MAY 12.

4. MEANTIME WE RECOMMEND THAT US MISSION GENEVA CHECK SOONEST WITH RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS SINCE NORWEGIAN PRESS REPORTS FROM GENEVA INDICATE THAT NORWEGIANS HAVE OFFERED NEW QUANTITIES OF DRIED STOCKFISH (PRESS CLAIMS 1500 TONS TO RED CROSS PLUS "COMPARABLE QUANTITY" FOR WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. PRESS ALSO SAYS THAT FINANCING FOR BIAFRA IS NOW SO TIGHT THAT NORWAY MAY BE ASKED TO REDUCE STOCKFISH AND INCREASE CASH TO PAY FOR FREIGHT.

6. RECOMMEND WASHINGTON KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US MISSION GENEVA AS WELL AS OSLO IN ORDER HAVE COMPLETE INFO ON WHICH TO BASE DECISION IN THIS MATTER.
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INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
USMISSION GENEVA

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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJ: RSM

REF: COTONOU 495 - POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

1. TALKED WITH LEIRI (BALAIRI) LAST NIGHT AFTER HIS RETURN FROM ULI MEETING WITH BIAFRANI AF. C-97 STRAFED AND ROCKETED ONE STRIP DAY FOLLOWING CRASH. IT BURNED AND FOR THE MOST PART UNUTILIZABLE FOR CANNABALIZING. IT NOW IN THE BUSH.
2. SECOND UCA PLANE WITH ONE ENGINE OUT REPORTEDLY GOT OFF NEXT NIGHT AND WAS NOT HIT DURING DAYLIGHT MIGRAID.
3. AFTER TALKS WITH AMERICAN CREW MEMBERS LAST NIGHT AND TODAY DAWSON CONVINCED THAT ABOUT HALF THE ICRC AMERICAN CREWS WILL NOT FLY AGAIN OR WILL WAIT OUT THEIR CONTRACTS AND SAME SITUATION PROBABLY EXISTS SAO TOME. KNOX

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O R 100956Z MAY 69
FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1256
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

UNCLAS GENEVA 1468

FOR FERGUSON

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

LINDT HAS SENT COMMERCIAL CABLES DATED MAY 8 AND 10 ADDRESSED TO YOU IN DEPARTMENT URGING THAT FOUR USPHS PHYSICIAN/EPIDEMIOLOGISTS NOW ASSISTING ICRC IN NIGERIA BE ALLOWED CONTINUE THEIR ACTIVITIES ADDITIONAL THIRTY DAYS. AT LINDT'S REQUEST TO MAKE CERTAIN HIS MESSAGE REACHES YOU, WE ARE TRANSMITTING TEXTS HERewith.

MAY 8:

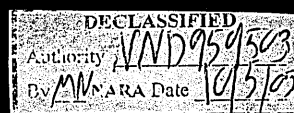
THE FOUR CDC UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE PHYSICIAN EPIDEMIOLOGISTS LAGOS MUST RETURN TO US BY 12 MAY UNLESS A 30 DAY EXTENSION OF THEIR ORDERS CAN BE GRANTED STOP THE RELIEF PROGRAMME IS UNDERGOING AN ASSESSMENT OF AREAS NEWLY UNDER FEDERAL CONTROL AND PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGISTS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO ESTABLISH AREAS OF HIGH PRIORITY TO CONTINUE SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES AND TO GIVE GUIDANCE TO OUR RELIEF PROGRAMME STOP WOULD HIGHLY APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS IN OBTAINING A 30 DAY EXTENSION FOR THE FOLLOW FOUR PHYSICIANS: ROBERT G. SHARRAR, ROBERT L. OWEN, ROBERT H. RUBIN, MICHAEL C. SINCLAIR.

KINDEST REGARDS: GUS LINDT

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MAY 10:

CONFIRM MY CABLE 8TH MAY RE FOUR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE PHYSICIANS:
LAGOS STOP VERY URGENT AND FOR CONTINUATION PROGRAM ESSENTIAL
THAT 30 DAY EXTENSION THEIR ORDERS BE GRANTED

MANY THANKS YOUR HELP, GUS LINDT
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ACTION: FM SecState
To Amembassy Cotonou

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Info:

INFO: Amembassy Lagos

SUBJECT: C-97 Crash

For Dawson from Ferguson

Have seen JCA traffic stating that C-97 was strafed and
destroyed sometime following its crash landing at Uli. Request
immediate check accuracy this report. ~~Also delay copy to other~~

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FM AMEMBASSY OSLO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2491

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FOR EUR/SCAN DWYER

REF OSLO 1197

SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN STOCKFISH SHIPMENTS TO NIGERIA

1. FONOFF INFORMED EMBASSY MAY 9 THAT NO RPT NO GON DONATIONS OF STOCKFISH TO RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS MADE SINCE LAST REPORT TO EMBASSY (REFTEL). PRESENT SHIPMENTS STOCKFISH IN PIPELINE PART OF 52 MILLION KRONER GON DONATIONS TO RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

2. PRIVATE DONATIONS IN CASH AND KIND WHICH DO NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE STOCKFISH NOW TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 16.6 MILLION KRONER WHICH IS INCREASE OF ABOUT 5 MILLION KRONER SINCE MARCH 1.

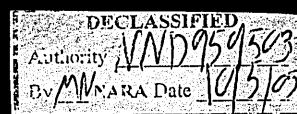
3. JOINT NORDIC COMMITTEE SET UP AT RECENT NORDIC FOMINS MEETING COPENHAGEN WILL MEET OSLO MAY 12 TO DISCUSS NIGERIA/ BIAFRA AID MATTERS. WHILE NOT RPT NO FIGURES GIVEN FONOFF HAS IMPLIED THAT ADDITIONAL SHIPMENTS STOCKFISH FORTHCOMING.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2081

INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 495

FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: C-97 CRASH

REF: STATE 73171 -

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HAVE JUST TALKED WITH CREW WHICH WATCHED C-97 CRASH. SAID
THEY LANDED WHEELS UP. NO EVIDENCE MILITARY ACTION PREVIOUS
TO CRASH. IT POSSIBLE THAT PLANE DESTROYED LATER ON RUNWAY.
WILL CHECK WITH PILOTS WHEN THEY RETURN TONIGHT. KNOX

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FMI AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2079

INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

USMISSION GENEVA

COORDINATE: I D I E N T I A L COTONOU 493

FOR: FERGUSON FROM: DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM

1. ICRC COTONOU EXPECTS TO FLY 12 FLIGHTS NIGHT MAY 9.
WE ASSUME COMMO REESTABLISHED WITH ICRC BIAFRA, BUT THIS
NOT SPECIFICALLY STATED.

2. DURING CONVERSATION WITH ANDERSON, CHIEF AMERICAN PILOT,
DAWSON SUGGESTED THAT HE ASCERTAIN TONIGHT IF SALVAGE
OPERATION ON C-97 WAS TAKING PLACE, IF SAO TOME NOT SENDING
SALVAGE TEAM AND JCA GIVES OK, ANDERSON WOULD PUSH FOR
REMOVING PARTS FOR ICRC USE.

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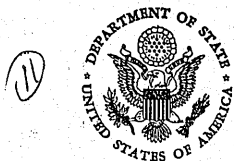
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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2077
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM - *Relief survey mission*

1. NO ICRC PLANES FLEW NIGHT OF MAY 8 FROM EITHER ICRC LOCATION. IT POSSIBLE THAT NO PLANES WILL FLY NIGHT OF MAY 9 BECAUSE ICRC COTONOU HAS LOST RADIO CONTACT WITH ICRC BIAFRA. WILL INFORM IF ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE.

2. ANOTHER PROBLEM AT ULI IS THAT RUNWAY WAS FAIRLY BADLY CHOPPED UP BY PROPELLORS DURING CHURCH C-97 CRASH. TRUCK HAD TO BE PUT TO USE TO BEND OVER AND PULL OUT ONE BLADE IN ORDER LET TRAPPED PLANES OFF AFTER FIRE PUT OUT. ABOUT 2000 FEET OF LIGHTS AND WIRE ARE ESTIMATED LOST.

3. PILOTS HERE WHO SAW ACCIDENT AND WHO SPOKE TO CREW VERIFY THEY ALL OK. IT SEEMS FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD CASE OF PILOT ERROR IN NOT LETTING GEAR DOWN.

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R 091228Z MAY 69:
FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS:
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6458:
AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE:

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SUBJECT: USE OF DR O'MALLEY'S SERVICES BY FMG:

REF: LIBREVILLE'S 466:

1. ON RECEIPT REFTEL DATT PROMPTLY SPOKE TO LT COL.
BASSEY INYANG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR ARMED FORCES MEDICAL SERVICE,
WHO INTERESTED AND CHECKING MATTER OUT WITH HIGHER AUTHORITIES.
HE PROMISED RESPONSE LATE TODAY.

2. OMO BARE, COMREHAB, ALSO BEING INFORMED BUT EMBASSY
BELIEVES ONLY REAL POSSIBILITY ARRANGING VISIT TO NIGERIA,
GIVEN SHORT TIME AVAILABLE, WILL BE TO STIMULATE INTEREST
FMG MILITARY SERVICES. GREATEST NEED FOR PLASTIC SURGERY
WILL BE MINISTERING TO WOUNDED SOLDIERS AND ONLY MILITARY
COULD ARRANGE ENTRY IN SHORT TIME. IN SPEAKING WITH
BASSEY, WE DID NOT REPEAT NOT REFER TO REASON FOR O'MALLEY'S
PRESENCE LIBREVILLE.
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R 091436Z MAY 69
FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6465

UNCLAS LAGOS 4120

SUBJ: RELIEF AND REHABILITATION - VINNELL CONTRACT

REF: STATE 069281

1. POUCHED DRAFT PIOT INCORPORATING MISSION MODIFICATIONS. DOCUMENT ESSENTIALLY SAME AS AID/WIDRAFT, BUT MORE SPECIFICALLY TIES VINNELL OPERATION TO NATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMISSION AND JOINT ICRC/NRC RELIEF EFFORTS. THIS APPROACH MORE IN LINE WITH DRAFT PROAG WHICH HAS OMO-BARES GENERAL AGREEMENT. OMO-BARE NOW CHECKING DRAFT PROAG WITH OTHER GON OFFICIALS.

2. WHILE ADVANCE PARTY DESIRABLE TO DEVELOP WORK PLAN AND COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS, THIS SHOULD NOT UNDULY DELAY OTHER TEAM MEMBERS WHO CAN BE IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE TO HELP MEET SUCH URGENT REQUIREMENTS AS VEHICLE REPAIR.

3. VINNELL REPORT STATES VEHICLE NEEDED FOR EACH TECHNICIAN. MISSION FEELS REQUEST EXCESSIVE AND THAT 8 VEHICLES (TWO IN EACH MAJOR LOCATION) SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT TEAM. WOOD AGREES. MATHEWS

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1245

INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

S: EIC R: EIT GENEVA 1455

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF LSM'S

FOR FERGUSON FROM TUBBY

1. LSM CONTRACT SIGNED THIS MORNING BY FREYMOND AND BASSET ON BEHALF ICRC. MISSION POUCHING TODAY.
2. YOU SHOULD INFORM FLETCHER VESSELS MAY SAIL.
3. WE HAVE INFORMED FREYMOND THAT DEWEY WOULD BE IN GENEVA MAY 14 TO CONFER ON LSM OPERATIONS AND LANDING POINTS. DEWEY SHOULD BRING NECESSARY CHARTS WITH COPIES WHICH CAN BE LEFT WITH ICRC. TUBBY

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Washington, D.C. 20520

Attention Mrs. Mullett
Keep this study together.

May 9, 1969

✓ Devore, Joel

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KENT CRANE
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

9/11/75 5-C-121

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public per J. Bishop AF

SUBJECT: Request for Vice President Endorsement
of "Walk for the Children of Biafra"

The attached communication to the Vice President from Mr. Joel Devore asks that the Vice President endorse a "Walk for the Children of Biafra" to take place on May 10 in Anchorage, Alaska. A similar communication was sent to the President by another sponsor of this activity in Anchorage. It was agreed by the Department and the White House that it would be inappropriate for the President to endorse a privately organized fund raising effort that, however praiseworthy from the humanitarian point of view, would involve this Government politically. The President has indicated publicly his intention to avoid US political involvement in the Nigeria/Biafra situation.

Consequently it would also appear inappropriate for the Vice President to lend his public endorsement to the Anchorage Walk for the Children of Biafra.

John P. Walsh
John P. Walsh

Acting Executive Secretary

Attachment

Ltr to Vice President, dtd May 2, 1969

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TO P - Mr. Cheshes

DATE 5/8/69

SUBJECT Memo to S/S fm Crane. 5/2/69 Ltr to VP fm Joel DeVore re Walk for the Children of Biafra.

Walsh

XXXX Prepare a ~~XXXX~~ to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Crane memo enclosing or containing:

Draft reply for President's signature.

Draft reply for signature by _____.

Memo for use as enclosure to reply by White House.

XXXX Comment or recommendation. and telegram, if any

Direct reply:

Furnish information copy under cover of a Read to _____ memo.

Comeback copy required for S/S.

Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling:

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XXXX Refer to White House request of Mr. Crane - 5/7/69

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XXXX Due in S/S by 5/9/69 ~~NOON~~ **CUB**

NOTES

1. White House referrals must be answered within 48 hours unless otherwise noted. If deadline cannot be met, inform S/S immediately at extension given below.
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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 7, 1969

FOR: Mr. John Walsh
Acting Executive Secretary

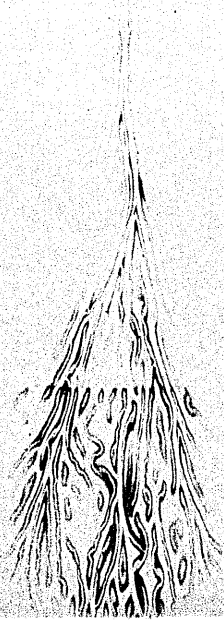
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Vice President of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20501

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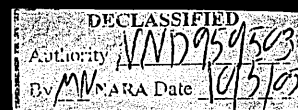
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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

**SUBJECT: Request for Vice President Endorsement
of "Walk for the Children of Biafra"**

The attached communication to the Vice President from Mr. Joel DeVore asks that the Vice President endorse a "Walk for the Children of Biafra" to take place on May 10 in Anchorage, Alaska. A similar communication was sent to the President by another sponsor of this activity in Anchorage. It was agreed by the Department and the White House that it would be inappropriate for the President to endorse a privately organized fund raising effort that, however praiseworthy from the humanitarian point of view, would involve this Government politically. The President has indicated publicly his intention to avoid US political involvement in the Nigeria/Biafra situation.

Consequently it would also appear inappropriate for the Vice President to lend his public endorsement to the Anchorage Walk for the Children of Biafra.

John P. Walsh
Acting Executive Secretary

Attachment

Ltr to Vice President, dtd May 2, 1969

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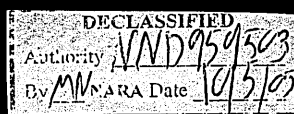
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FM AMCONSUL KADUNA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1137
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KADUNA 0432

REF: KADUNA 293 AND PREVIOUS

1. SOURCE (REFTEL) SAID: MERCENARY MIKE THOMSETT HAD TOLD HIM: MISSILES USED IN BIAFRAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSES WERE LINE OF SIGHT TYPE AND NOT INFRA RED EAT SEEKING MISSILES.

2. ON APRIL 28, 52 SUPPLY FLIGHTS ARRIVED AT ULI AIR-STRIP. PLANES WERE UNLOADED AND DEPARTED 15 MINUTES AFTER ARRIVAL.

3. BRITISH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE FIRM AIR WORK LTD. WILL SOON BE REPLACED BY GERMAN FIRM DORNIER IN KADUNA ON CONTRACT WITH NAF. GPI.

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R 080815Z MAY 69

FM AMCONSUL KADUNA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1135

INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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UNCLAS KADUNA 0428

SUBJECT: BCNN ATTACKS MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL

1. FBIS N 060945 REPORTS BCNN "SPOTLIGHT" COMMENT ON ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT NEWSPAPER QUOTING REMARKS MADE BY ONE J.A. EKLUND ASSISTANT DEAN OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND FORMER AID CONSULTANT WHO VISITED BIAFRA IN FEBRUARY AS MEMBER OF 6 MAN TEAM STUDYING FOOD SITUATION. EKLUND REPORTEDLY STATED THAT BIAFRA IS FORERUNNER OF NEW KIND OF AFRICA BECAUSE ITS "HARDER - EARNED INDEPENDENCE" AND PRAISED BIAFRAN PEOPLE FOR "DETERMINED SPIRIT IN MAINTAINING THEIR RIGHTS AND THEIR NATION" ALTHOUGH EKLUND WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC AS TO CHANCES FOR PEACE IN NIGERIA, HE ALLEGEDLY SAID "REGARDLESS OF WHETHER BIAFRA SURVIVES, THERE WILL BE OTHER COUNTRIES LIKE IT IN AFRICA."

2. "SPOTLIGHT" COMMENTARY ON ALLEGED STATEMENTS AVERRED THAT THERE IS LESSON IN EKLUND STATEMENT FOR AFRICA SINCE MICHIGAN STATE FORMERLY "PROVIDED ACADEMIC COVER FOR ACTIVITIES OF CIA" CHARGING THAT MICHIGAN STATE SERVED AS "PROPAGANDA AGENTS, FINANCIAL PILLARS" AND MILITARY SUPPORTERS OF REBELS. COMMENTARY CONCLUDES THAT ALL AFRICA SHOULD "WATCH OUT". STOKES

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2074
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
USMISSION GENEVA

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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM

1. DURING LUNCH TODAY DYRSSEN SPOKE OF HIS JUST COMPLETED TRIP
THROUGH BIAFRA. DISCUSSION INCLUDED THE INFORMATION IN PARAS:
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2. DC-6 CRASH APPARENT PILOT ERROR, "MISREADING OF ALTIMETER".

3. C-97 FROM SAO Tome BELLY LANDED ULI NIGHT MAY 7 SMASHING
RUNWAY LIGHTS, CUTTING TOWER COMMO AND BURNING ON RUNWAY. FURTHER
MISHAP NARROWLY AVOIDED WHEN LANDING ICRC DC-6 SAW FLASHLIGHTS ON
RUNWAY. CREW, PROBABLY AMCITS, REPORTED TO BE OK.

4. MIGS ATTACKED LAST NIGHT FOR FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL WEEKS.
APPARENTLY DROPPED A FEW BOMBS.

5. SITUATION IN UMUAHIA: BIAFRANS HAVE TAKEN PART OF THE TOWN.
DYRSSEN CONFIRMED THE CAPTURE OF BENDE AND SAYS THAT SECOND FED
SUPPLY ROUTE HAS BEEN OVERRUN SEVERAL TIMES LATELY.

6. COMMENT: BELIEVE THAT SPATE OF ACCIDENTS, RETURN OF MIGS,
LACK OF SPARE PARTS, APPROACHING BAD WEATHER AND GENERAL PILOT
FATIGUE WILL CAUSE OVERALL DRASTIC EVEN IF SHORT TERM REDUCTION

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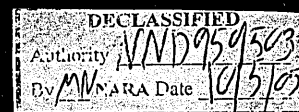
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IN AIR LIFT.

7. CREW MEETING 3:00 P.M. LOCAL. LINDT EXPECTED RETURN FROM GENEVA MAY 9. SUPPLY FLIGHT TO ST. ISABEL MAY 7 CANCELED. DAWSON SCHEDULED INTO BIAFRA SUNDAY NIGHT. KNOX

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Subj: Nigerian Attacks on Michigan State University

Ref: (a) Lagos 4019; (b) Kaduna 428

1. Nigerian Radio report re Nigerian students at Michigan State University (MSU) essentially correct. Text of students' letter to MSU President being pouched addressee posts.

2. Ref (b) attack on MSU official QTE Eklund UNQTE undoubtedly refers to George Axinn, who accompanied Goodell mission to Biafra. Axinn was chief of party for MSU team at University Nigeria at Nsukka until 1967.

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FM: USMISSION: GENEVA
TO: AMEMBASSY: BAMAKO
INFO: AMEMBASSY: LAGOS
SECSTATE: WASHDC 1233

UNCLAS: GENEVA 1443

BAMAKO: PASS: DR. OUSMANE SOW, MINI HEALTH, BAMAKO, FROM: DR. HENDERSON
WHO, GENEVA, DEPT: PASS: NCDC ATLANTA, DEPT: FOR: AID/W

AIR: AFRIQUE INSTRUCTED TO ISSUE RETURN TICKET TO LAGOS
FOR HIM AS PARTICIPANT SMALLPOX SEMINAR, PER DIEM
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FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 1235
AMEMBASSY LAGOS

UNCLAS GENEVA 1445

COTONOU PASS DR MAXIMILIEN YEKPE, PO BOX 418 COTONOU FROM DR
HENDERSON, WHO, GENEVA

DEPT PASS NCDC ATLANTA

DEPT FOR AID/W

SUBJECT: PASA AFRI (HA) 18-16 SMP 698-4440-116

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TO AMEMBASSY FREETOWN
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
SECSTATE WASHDC 1236

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FREETOWN PASS: DR. EVELYN CUMMINGS, MINI HEALTH, FROM DR.
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6441

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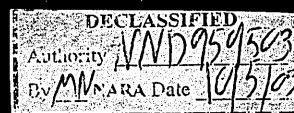
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2. RE PARA TWO, WHILE 52 FLIGHTS IN ONE NIGHT APPEARS HIGH, IT POSSIBLE SUCH VOLUME ACHIEVED UNDER EXTREMELY FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES. WOOD, WHO RECENTLY VISITED ULI REPORTS PLANE HE ABOARD OFF-LOADED AND ON ITS WAY WITHIN 23 MINUTES AND THAT HE HAD HEARD RECORD UNLOADING WAS 13 MINUTES.

GP-3. MATHEWS

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Urgent Ferguson see Otue or Okigbo in D. C. ASAP.

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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE
TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 2546

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1. DR. JOSEPH E. O'MALLEY CHIEF PLASTIC SURGEON, ORANGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, WOULD LIKE OFFER HIS SERVICES VICTIMS NIGERIAN CONFLICT REQUIRING PLASTIC SURGERY.

2. O'MALLEY CAME GABON MAY 3 IN HOPES OPERATING ON BIAFRAN CHILDREN HERE AS RESULT ENCOURAGEMENT AMDOC, INC. (27 EAST CANON PERDIDO STREET, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA), DR. CATCHPOOK, AND ARTICLES WRITTEN BY NORMAN COUSINS IN SATURDAY REVIEW. THERE NO BIAFRAN CHILDREN HERE REQUIRING PLASTIC SURGERY AND SO FAR O'MALLY TALKS WITH FRENCH, GABONESE, AND BIAFRAN REPRESENTATIVES HERE HAVE NOT OPENED ANY WAY HE CAN BE OF HELP IN LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE TO HIM. MOREOVER, OBVIOUS THAT DELAY IN SECURING PERMISSION ENTER BIAFRA WILL RUN TIME OUT.

3. O'MALLEY MUST RETURN U.S. MAY 24 BUT HOPES HIS SERVICES COULD BE USED SHORT TIME IN NIGERIA. HE HAS ALL EQUIPMENT, INSTRUMENTS AND SUPPLIES WITH HIM AND APPARENTLY PREPARED OFFER CONSULTATIVE AND OPERATIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY. SAYS HE HAS DONE TWO BRIEF OPERATIVE TOURS VIETNAM UNDER AUSPICES MEDICO (CARE) AND THEN U.S. NAVY. ALSO HAS SOME AFRICAN EXPERIENCE CONGO (KI), ETHIOPIA, CAR, EAST AFRICA.

4. COULD O'MALLEY SERVICES BE UTILIZED ON SHORT NOTICE AND BEFORE MAY 24 LAGOS OR ELSEWHERE NIGERIA? HE READY TRAVEL LAGOS ASAP. AIRPORT VISA WOULD BE NEEDED.
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FM AMEMBASSY ROME
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 764

C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 2758

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

REFERENCE: STATE 070561 /

AS DEPT AWARE POPE PAUL PLANS VISIT GENEVA JUNE 7.
HOWEVER, MONSIGNOR BAYER INFORMS US POPE ANXIOUS DISCUSS
BIAFRA WITH FERGUSON. BAYER BELIEVES AUDIENCE WEEK OF
JUNE 1 CAN BE ARRANGED, AND WILL INFORM EMBASSY OF EXACT
TIMING.

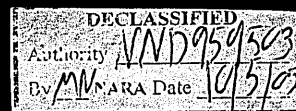
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2069
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE
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SUBJECT: RSM

1. ICRC DC-6 FROM COTONOU REPORTED CRASHED NIGHT MAY 6 SIX
MILES OFF ULI RUNWAY. NO DETAILS YET AVAILABLE. NO AMCITS
BELIEVED ON BOARD.

2. PLEASE DO NOT RELEASE IN ANY FORM BEFORE ICRC ANNOUNCEMENT,
AS THIS WOULD SEVERLY CURTAIL DAWSON'S CONTACTS AND CREDIBILITY
WITH ICRC PERSONNEL. KNOX

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1222

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FOR FERGUSON FROM SCHOTT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REPLY TO FREYMOND LETTER TO BE DISCUSSED WITH YOU BY TELEPHONE TODAY. AMBASSADOR TUBBY, SCHOTT ACCOMPANYING, MEET WITH LINDT 9:00 THURSDAY MORNING AND WISH TO PRESENT REPLY AT THAT TIME. YOUR APPROVAL IS URGENTLY REQUESTED. QUOTE: DEAR PROFESSOR FREYMOND: I AM PLEASED TO LEARN THAT YOUR CONCLUSION CONCERNING THE CONTRACT FOR THE LSM'S IS FAVORABLE. THIS AFFIRMATION OF THE JOINT PLANNING UNDERTAKEN BY OUR STAFFS AND THEIR AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE CONTRACT IS MOST ENCOURAGING.

WITH REGARD TO THE IMMEDIATE BUDGETING ASSISTANCE REQUIRED TO FUND THIS CONTRACT, THE US GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO DEPOSIT TO THE ACCOUNT OF THE ICRC AT THIS TIME ONE MILLION DOLLARS. THIS SUM SHOULD BE MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO ENABLE YOU TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE DRAIN ON YOUR CASH POSITION OCCASIONED BY THIS CONTRACT AND ANY CONTINGENCY WHICH MAY ARISE FROM ITS EXECUTION.

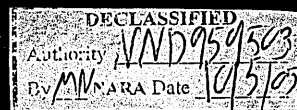
INASMUCH AS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ICRC BUDGET FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST OF THIS YEAR, THIS ONE MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE CONSIDERED AN ADVANCE ON OUR UNSTATED CONTRIBUTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST. IT WILL NOT, OF COURSE, AFFECT IN ANY WAY OUR LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION FOR JUNE OR JULY.

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I HAVE STATED TO YOU IN THE PAST, AND I AM PLEASED TO REITERATE IT THAT OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ICRC BUDGET WILL DEPEND ON THE LEVEL OF RELIEF ACTIVITY. AS YOU CORRECTLY STATE, IT DOES NOT APPEAR AT THIS TIME THAT YOUR LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AND EXPENDITURE CAN BE KEPT TO LESS THAN THAT ALREADY PLANNED. THEREFORE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH YOU ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A DEFICIT AND TO COOPERATE FULLY IN MEETING THAT DEFICIT ESPECIALLY IF IT IS OCCASIONED BY THE ADDED EXPENDITURE FOR THE LSM'S.

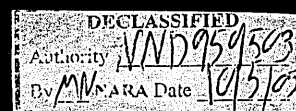
YOU HAVE ALSO ASKED OUR OPINION ON THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE CONTRACT WITH EDWIN H. FLETCHER. ALLOW ME TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE HAVE LOOKED AT THIS CONTRACT MOST CAREFULLY AND ARE SATISFIED THAT IT WILL MEASURE UP TO THE NEEDS ON WHICH WE ARE AGREED. IT IS ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY TO US AND WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY ONEROUS EXPENDITURES BEYOND THOSE ALREADY KNOWN TO YOUR STAFF.

AGAIN PLEASE ACCEPT MY PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL ASSURANCES OF OUR CONTINUED COOPERATION IN THIS VITAL EFFORT. SIGNED.
SINCERELY YOURS, C. CLYDE FERGUSON, JR. UNQUOTE
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1220

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FOR FERGUSON FROM SCHOTT

1. IN CALL ON LINDT THIS MORNING LETTER ADDRESSED TO YOU WAS PRESENTED. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION IT WAS AGREED I WOULD ATTEMPT REPLY WHICH WOULD BRIDGE OBVIOUS GAP BETWEEN OUR POSITIONS AS INDICATED SECOND PARAGRAPH LETTER WHICH FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: DEAR MR. FERGUSON: I HAVE JUST READ THE REPORTS ON THE CONTRACT WITH E.H. FLETCHER AND HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT ALTHOUGH AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE CASE OF LANDING-CRAFTS, ONE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT OUR POSITION IN THE FINANCING OF THE OPERATION IS CLEAR TO YOU.

IT HAS BEEN UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COST OF THE FINANCING OF THIS OPERATION, WHICH WAS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR SIX-MONTH BUDGET, WOULD BE COVERED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THIS EFFECT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ASSURED YOU THAT IF, AT THE END OF THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD (31-8-69), AFTER HAVING COVERED ALL OUR EXPENSES, WE MIGHT HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL UNEXPENDED FUNDS ON OUR NIGERIAN OPERATION, WE WOULD EXAMINE WITH YOU WHETHER AND UP TO WHICH POINT THESE UNEXPENDED FUNDS COULD BE USED TO COVER THIS ADDITIONAL EXPENSE DUE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TWO LSM'S.

I THINK IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT, SO FAR AS I CAN JUDGE, THE EVOLUTION OF THE SITUATION IN NIGERIA AT THE PRESENT TIME DOES

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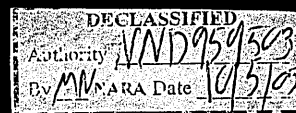
NOT LET IT BE FORESEEN THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO SAVE ANY FUNDS ON OUR SIX MONTH PLANNED BUDGET. ON THE CONTRARY, I FEAR THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MILITARY OPERATIONS AND THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE POPULATION COULD REQUIRE FROM US ADDITIONAL EFFORTS WHICH IMPLY ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

WE KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT WE CAN COUNT UPON THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS UPON YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION. THIS IS WHY I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE SPIRIT IN WHICH THIS LETTER HAS BEEN WRITTEN. SIGNED: JACQUES FREYMOND, ACTING PRESIDENT.
P.S. SINCE I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ICRC WILL HAVE TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH FLETCHER AND SINCE, AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE NOT AT ALL SPECIALISTS IN THIS TYPE OF OPERATION, I WOULD BE GLAD IF WE COULD HAVE YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT THIS CONTRACT CONTAINS ALL THE TECHNICAL PROVISIONS WHICH SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN AN AGREEMENT OF THIS KIND IN ORDER TO AVOID OUR BEING FACED WITH UNFORESEEN EXPENSES AFTER THE SIGNATURE. UNQUOTE.
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FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1216
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF: REPORT OF MEASLES/SMALLPOX CAMPAIGN
FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING APRIL 19.

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED COPY SUBJECT REPORT DATED APRIL 21.
2. REPORT STATES ALL MATERIAL REMOVED SAFELY FROM UMUHIA TO IBI
AND ALL VACCINE IN GOOD CONDITION. BY APRIL 19TH TOTAL MEASLES
INNOCULATIONS 551,838 AND TOTAL SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS 1,403,600.
3. DR. BOURKE LEFT BIAFRA APRIL 20, AND REPORT RECORDS GRATITUDE
FOR HIS HARD WORK. HIS WORK EXCEPT FIELD INSPECTIONS TAKEN ON
NOW BY M. N. EZEIGWE, PHARMACIST, AND M. M. ULANMO, SENIOR FIELD
REPRESENTATIVE, BOTH OF BIAFRAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH.
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2071
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM - ICRC DC-6 CRASH

1. ICRC CHIEF WACHMEISTER GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING AND AFTERWARDS TALKED TO DAWSON ABOUT DC-6 CRASH. HE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: A) THREE SWEDISH AND ONE GERMAN IN CREW; B) PLANE CLEARED TO LAND WAS MAKING APPROACH WHEN IT CRASHED; C) WAS PROBABLY BURNING IN THE AIR AND DID NOT EXPLODE; D) THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE PLANE COLLIDED WITH ANOTHER OR THAT CRASH HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH AIRCRAFT OR ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE.

2. BODIES BEING SHIPPED OUT TONIGHT MAY 7 FOR AS IMMEDIATE TRANSFER AS POSSIBLE TO EUROPE VIA COTONOU.

3. ST. ISABEL FLIGHTS DOWN AND NOW COTONOU, WITH ONLY TWO 97S AND ONE DC-6 FLYING WILL BE WAY DOWN AS WELL. CHECK AT AIRPORT INDICATES ONLY DC-6 TO BE FLYING IS NEW ICELANDIC 12-TON AIRCRAFT. SECOND ICRC DC-6 WAS NOT BEING LOADED.

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S E C R E T COTONOU 478

FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM TENTATIVE SCHEDULE DAWSON

1. DAWSON RECEIVED PERMISSION TO GO INTO BIAFRA THROUGH ICRC CHANNELS. EXPECTS TO GO EITHER NIGHT OF MAY 10 OR 11. WILL BE STAYING WITH ICRC PERSONNEL FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS PER INSTRUCTIONS.

2. DAWSON FLYING TO ST. ISABEL WED MAY 7 WITH ICRC SUPPLY PLANE AND MAY SPEND ONE DAY THERE.

3. TOTAL OF 27 ICRC FLIGHTS NIGHT OF MAY 5 WITH APPROXIMATELY 300 TONS DELIVERED.

4. AS FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED THROUGH COTONOU NO RELIEF FLIGHTS LANDING OR HAVE LANDED AT AIRPORT OTHER THAN ULI. WILL CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE THIS POSSIBILITY AS DISCREETLY AS POSSIBLE.

5. RUMOR OF NEARLY COMPLETED STRIP 7 MILES NORTH OF OWERRI IS BEING CIRCULATED ON SAO TOME. APPROXIMATE LOCATION SAID TO BE ROAD JUNCTION TOWN OF OGBAKE.

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Subj: Nigerian Relief: Sale of Additional C-97 Aircraft to JCA

1. JCA President Bishop Swanstrom is pressing an earlier request for USG sale of two additional C-97 aircraft for JCA Biafran airlift. He states insufficient number aircraft has QTE seriously hampered UNQTE JCA operation recent weeks. (This somewhat at a variance with other recent reports that Uli capacity inhibited use additional aircraft.) Bishop Swanstrom informed by Ferguson letter May 2 that request under study in Department.

2. Department has received several reports recently that one or more of existing C-97's frequently grounded for mechanical reasons or lack of spare parts. Provision of additional two aircraft as backup planes would ease spare parts problem and enable JCA keep all four flying at one time. This would therefore significantly increase flow of relief supplies into Biafra, especially since ICRC likely request similar treatment.

3. Dept is of course fully cognizant of sharp FMG reaction to our provision of original four planes. During call on Ferguson May 5 (see septel) Ambassador Iyalla indicated awareness of JCA request for more

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planes and warned that affirmative decision might cause FMG reaction which would jeopardize surface corridor proposal. We would hope avoid such reaction and would appreciate Embassy views on probable FMG response to our providing additional two C-97's, initially at least on backup basis.

4. For greater FMG acceptability, we would hope to include as precondition to any additional sale of planes JCA acceptance of independent inspection procedure such as use of private Swiss firm with which JCA has been in contact. Would appreciate Embassy views on whether such procedure would be helpful in heading off adverse Federal reaction.

5. Would appreciate Embassy views soonest.

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R 061500Z MAY 69
FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6393

UNCLAS LAGOS 3973

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF REHABILITATION COMMISSION

1. OMO-BARE, FEDERAL COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION, CONVOKED FIRST MEETING OF ALL TWELVE STATE COMMISSIONERS RESPONSIBLE REHABILITATION AT LAGOS MAY 5 TO COORDINATE REHAB. ACTIVITIES.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, OMO-BARE TOLD COMMISSIONERS THAT QUOTE WE MUST NOT EXPECT FOREIGNERS TO DO FOR US WHAT WE ARE CAPABLE OF DOING OURSELVES. WHILE WE QUITE APPRECIATE AND ACCEPT HELP COMING FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND VOLUNTARY BODIES, SUCH HELP, IN MY CANDID OPINION SHOULD BE LIMITED TO FINANCIAL AID AND SUPPLY OF MATERIALS WHICH WE CANNOT OURSELVES PRODUCE. END QUOTE. EMPHASIS WAS ON SELF-HELP AND COOPERATION AMONG STATES.

3. ALL PAPERS REPORTED MEETING. DAILY TIMES SAW FIT UTILIZE MISLEADING CAPTION QUOTE NO ROOM FOR FOREIGNERS. END QUOTE. MATHEWS

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1. Request you contact Msgr. Carlo Bayer, Secretary General Caritas Internationales at Vatican and state that Ferguson, Special Coordinator for Nigerian Relief, will be in Rome about June 1 and is interested follow up on his suggestion to meet with His Holiness Paul VI. Reason for meeting would be to discuss relief situation Nigeria.

2. In recent letter to Bayer, April 22, Schott, Ferguson Assistant, stated Ferguson might be in Rome as early as mid May. This now appears unlikely and early June would be best opportunity.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2303
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERN 1401

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF, HAGUE GROUP

REF: BERN 1251

IN FOLLOW-UP TO CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, FED. POL. DEPT. OFFICER CONFIRMED MAY 6 THAT SWISS NOT RPT NOT PLANNING ANY ACTION IN SUPPORT ICRC EFFORTS OBTAIN APPROVAL DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS TO ULI. THEY UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR LINDT STILL NEGOTIATING WITH BOTH SIDES AND THEY INTEND AWAIT OUTCOME THESE NEGOTIATIONS. SHOULD LINDT APPEAL FOR SUPPORTING EFFORTS BY GOVTS, SWISS WOULD OF COURSE GIVE CONSIDERATION TAKING ACTION.
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FOR U/CF:

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF--HAGUE GROUP

REF: STATE 69507

1. MFA'S HUYDECOPER REGRETS HE UNABLE TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON AT THIS TIME, BUT WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS SURFACE CORRIDORS WITH U.S. EXPERTS HERE ON MAY 12-13. (HE WILL UNDERGO MINOR OPERATION EVENING OF 13TH, WHICH RULES OUT FOLLOWING FEW DAYS.) HE ADDED HE COULD BE BETTER PREPARED FOR DISCUSSIONS IF HE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE WITH U.S. PAPER, PARTICULARLY SINCE MFA PAPER GIVEN US APRIL 22 APPEARS DIVERGE IN SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT RESPECTS FROM PRESENT U.S. VIEWS.

2. HUYDECOPER SUGGESTS PURPOSE BILATERAL TALKS SHOULD BE TO AGREE ON PIECE OF PAPER TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER HAGUE GROUP MEMBERS FOR STUDY PRELIMINARY TO NEXT HAGUE GROUP MEETING, TO WHICH EXPERTS WOULD BE INVITED FROM CAPITALS. HOPEFULLY, GIVEN WEEK TO STUDY PAPER, GROUP MEMBERS COULD THEN AGREE SUPPORT ONE COURSE OF ACTION, AS IN CASE DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS. HE SAID HE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED IF FERGUSON COULD COME BOTH ON 12TH OR 13TH AND FOR LATER MEETING OF GROUP, BUT INDICATED THAT IF TWO VISITS IMPOSSIBLE HE WOULD PREFER HAVE FERGUSON HIMSELF

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3. HUYDECOPER WILLING ALSO DISCUSS ICRC FINANCING AND COORDINATION GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELIEF EFFORTS WITH US, BUT WONDERS IF IT USEFUL ADD TO NEXT GROUP MEETING SUBJECTS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO SURFACE CORRIDORS. GROUP MEETING MIGHT DISCUSS COSTS OF OPERATING SURFACE CORRIDOR, BUT EVEN THIS MIGHT BE BETTER LEFT UNTIL AFTER CONSENSUS OBTAINED IN SUPPORT OF SINGLE CORRIDOR PROPOSAL OR SET OF PROPOSALS.

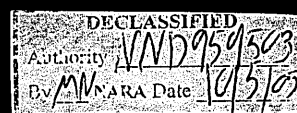
4. ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS, HUYDECOPER'S AFRICAN BUREAU CHIEF, VAN ARKEL, TOLD EMBOFF THAT NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR AT LAGOS RECEIVED LETTER FROM PERMSEC FMG FONOFF DATED MAY 2 (AFTER DISCUSSION REPORTED IN LAGOS 3654) WHICH MORE POSITIVE THAN APRIL 15 FMG AIDE MEMOIRE. LETTER CONFIRMS THAT IN PRINCIPLE FMG HAS NO OBJECTIONS. "SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY AGREED ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE." HOWEVER, IT STATES FMG HAS MADE NUMEROUS CONCESSIONS WHILE BIAFRANS MADE NONE, AND FMG BELIEVES BIAFRANS SHOULD BE PRESSED TO ACCEPT SINGLE FMG CONDITION, I.E., THAT FMG WILL NOT WAIVE RIGHT OF AIR SURVEILLANCE OF LANDING STRIP DURING RELIEF OPERATIONS, IN ORDER ASSURE THAT PRIVILEGE NOT ABUSED BY NON-RELIEF AIRCRAFT. DUTCH HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY REACTION FROM BIAFRANS TO DEMARCHES IN DAR-ES-SALAAM AND ABIDJAN, NOR APPARENTLY HAVE ITALIANS OR BELGIANS HEARD FROM BIAFRA. HUYDECOPER HAD RECENT OPPORTUNITY RAISE QUESTION WITH BIAFRAN REP WHO PASSING THROUGH NETHERLANDS (FORMER NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO EC IN BRUSSELS) AND WHO WAS RECEIVED BY HUYDECOPER AS "PRIVATE CITIZEN" (PROTECT). THIS SOURCE HAD EXPRESSED IGNORANCE OF DUTCH DEMARCHES IN DAR-ES-SALAAM AND ABIDJAN, EXCEPT FOR ITALIAN AND BELGIAN EFFORTS (REPORTED EARLIER). DUTCH KNOW OF NO RECENT DEMARCHES ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS BY OTHER HAGUE GROUP MEMBERS. GERMANS APPARENTLY HAVE JUSTIFIED SILENCE WITH FACT THAT GERMAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION THAT VISITED NIGERIA EARLY APRIL WAS ASKED TO SUPPORT DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS.

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LIECHTENSTEIN RED CROSS CONTRIBUTED 6980 DOLS
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TO BIAFRA CHARITABLE COLLECTION CALLED QUOTE
WORLD AND HOMELAND ASSOCIATION UNQUOTE CONTRIBUTED
11,628 DOLS TO VARIOUS SWISS CHARITIES, MAIN PORTION
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SUBJ: Nigerian Relief - Visit of Nigerian Ambassador Iyalla

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which might affect security of Southeast State.

2. Iyalla further stated that re use LSM's on Cross River, the Nigerian admiralty would have no problem about inspection which could be at point other than Lagos-Apapa port. He indicated that they had to look forward to day when there would be no Biafran enclave, and the Federal Government would itself wish to use LSM's to bring relief and rehabilitation to the area. He also indicated that there were other surface corridors which would be feasible, ~~xxx~~ provided hostility of local population not prevent their use.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3900

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF LINDT'S REPORT ON DAYLIGHT AIRLIFT

1. LINDT CALLED ON AMBASSADOR AFTERNOON MAY 3. HE HAD RETURNED MAY 1 FROM REBEL AREAS WHERE HE AND GENERAL BERG (JCA) HAD TWO MEETINGS WITH COMMISSIONER COOKEY, CHIEF OF STAFF BIAFRAN AIR FORCES AND CHIEF JUSTICE MBANEFO. LINDT AND BERG TOOK UP QUESTION DAYLIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS IN FIRST MEETING ON APRIL 28, BUT RECEIVED LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT FROM REBELS. FOLLOWING DAY REBEL CABINET MET AND ON MORNING APRIL 30, MBANEFO SUGGESTED TO LINDT BE USEFUL HOLD SECOND MEETING. AT THIS MEETING LINDT, WHO RELUCTANT GIVE US FULL DETAILS, SAID "INTEREST" WAS SHOWN IN DAYLIGHT LIFT PROPOSAL. LINDT AND BERG DID NOT REPETAT NOT SEE OUKWU WHO REPORTEDLY AT SOUTHERN FRONT.

2. IN LAGOS ON MAY 2, LINDT SAW CHIEF OF STAFF EKPO AND DEPUTY PERMSEC MINEXSTAFF ENAHORO AND FOUND BOTH RECEPTIVE TO PROPOSAL BUT THEY FELT NEED AWAIT ARIKPO RETURN FROM PARIS BEFORE PURSUING MATTER FURTHER. BERG CAME TO LAGOS WITH LINDT BUT LINDT FELT INADVISABLE FOR HIM BE PRESENT AT MEETING WITH FMG OFFICIALS. BERG, INCIDENTALLY, ESTIMATES DAY LIFT WOULD PERMIT 50 PERCENT INCREASE OVER NIGHT LIFT.

3. LINDT IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH REBELS AND FMG OFFICIALS DID NOT REPEAT NOT PROPOSE DAYLIGHT LIFT AS AN ADDITION TO CONTINUED NIGHT FLIGHTS AND NO REPEAT NO SUGGESTION ALONG

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THESE LINES MADE TO HIM BY REBELS. LINDT EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PACKAGING DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS WITH NIGHT FLIGHTS WOULD BE NON-STARTER. IN HIS DISCUSSIONS LINDT DID NOT IDENTIFY AIRSTRIP TO BE USED BUT REFERRED TO "EXISTING STRIPS". LINDT APPEARED SOMEWHAT OPTIMISTIC AND BASES HIS OPTIMISM ON THE FACT THAT BOTH SIDES HAD EXPRESSED THE THOUGHT THAT COMMON GROUND FOR AN AGREEMENT MIGHT LIE IN DAYLIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS. HE BELIEVES BOTH SIDES NOW LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO AGREE ON IN HOPE THAT SUCH AGREEMENT MIGHT LEAD TO RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT.

4. LINDT LEFT FOR SANTA ISABEL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS TALK WITH AMBASSADOR AND WILL BE IN GENEVA MAY 6 AND 7, RETURNING TO LAGOS ON MAY 9 WHEN HE EXPECTS TO SEE ARIKPO. LINDT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT DISCOUNT DIFFICULTIES REACHING AGREEMENT PARTICULARLY WHEN MODALITIES SUCH AS INSPECTION AND SURVEILLANCE OFFER EASY WAY OUT TO EITHER SIDE, BUT BELIEVES MODALITIES CAN READILY BE RESOLVED IF, AS HE BELIEVES, BOTH SIDES REALLY LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO AGREE ON.

5. IN RESPONSE AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION, LINDT THOUGHT THERE NOTHING FERGUSON MIGHT DO AT MOMENT TO ASSIST IN EFFORTS REACH AGREEMENT ON DAY LIGHT.

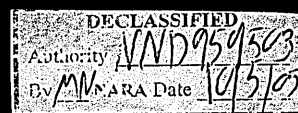
6. SEE SEPTEL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN CONVERSATION WITH LINDT.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3901

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF CONVERSATION WITH LINDT

REF: LAGOS 3900

1. FOLLOWING POINTS DEVELOPED IN AMBASSADOR'S MAY THIRD CONVERSATION WITH LINDT WILL BE OF INTEREST AND ARE IN ADDITION DISCUSSION DAYLIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS WHICH REPORTED REFTEL.

2. LINDT COMMENTED ON REFUGEE SITUATION IN OWERRI AREA. ICRC BEGAN FEEDING REFUGEES THERE ABOUT MONTH AGO WHO HAD BEEN CAUGHT BETWEEN BATTLE LINES FOR FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS AND WHO AS CONSEQUENCE IN BAD CONDITION. CURRENTLY, ICRC FEEDING SOME 80,000 AND LINDT, IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH MARKS SAID NUMBER SOON REACH 100,000. ADULTS WERE IN PARTICULARLY BAD CONDITION THIS AREA BUT CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED IN PAST MONTH.

3. IN REBEL AREAS, LINDT SAYS ICRC AND JCA NOW REACHING TOTAL 1.5 MILLION PERSONS WITH DOUBLE RATIONS GIVEN IN SOME LOCATIONS WHERE NECESSARY SUBSTITUTE CSM FOR GARRI. GENERAL CONDITION OF POPULACE NOT REPEAT NOT BAD. RELIEF GROUPS NOW PROVIDING FOOD FOR ALL HOSPITALS AND PRISONS (MILITARY AS WELL AS CIVILIAN).

4. LINDT BELIEVES CROSS RIVER ROUTE WOULD BE WORKABLE AS RELIEF ROUTE TO REBEL AREAS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE TO CROSS IMO

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RIVER. AT PRESENT TIME, ICRC HAS TWO TEAMS EAST OF THE IMO AND IS USING BOTH BRIDGE CROSSINGS. IT HAS STOCKPILE FOOD AT ZURU, SOUTHEAST OF UMUHIA WHERE ONE TEAM LOCATED. ICRC SENDING TWO LORRIES DAILY (PREVIOUSLY WAS 12) TO ABIRIBA (BETWEEN AFIKPO AND UMUHIA) WITHOUT INTERFERENCE. FMG FORCES, HE REPORTS, STOPPED AT UMUHIA AND DID NOT ATTEMPT MOVE WEST TO TAKE NEARBY IMO BRIDGE. LINDT CONSIDERING SENDING TEAM TO AROCHUKU AREA BUT HAS NO REPEAT NO IDEA NUMBER OF REFUGEES THAT AREA.

5. LINDT REPORTS MORALE OF ICRC TEAMS HIGH AND HE TOLD MARKS PERSONNEL REASONABLY WELL SETTLED IN NEW HEADQUARTERS IN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BUILDING. JAGGI LIVING ABOUT HALF HOUR DISTANCE IN HOUSE OWNED BY SIR LOUIS MBANEFO AND 45 EXPATRIATES SERVING AS ACTUAL MEMBERS OF MEDICO-FEEDING TEAMS. TWO "BIAFRA" RELIEF TEAMS ALSO STILL FUNCTIONING.

6. LINDT COMMENTED ON "ENORMOUS" EFFORT INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION IN REBEL AREAS, PARTICULARLY HEAVY PLANTING OF MAIZE, CASSAVA AND COCOA. YAM LEAVES OF WHICH HAVE CONSIDERABLE PROTEIN CONTENT. HE REPORTS DR. MA AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS FOOD SURVEY TEAM ASSEMBLING DATA AND EXPECT LEAVE FOR REBEL AREAS SOON.

7. LINDT REPORTS FUEL PROBLEM IN SANTA ISABEL WHICH HE HOPES RESOLVE SOON. ICRC HAD BEEN ASSURED BY COMMERCIAL IMPORTER THAT DC-7 FUEL WOULD BE ABOARD INCOMING TANKER BUT ON ARRIVAL IT CARRIED ONLY AUTOMOTIVE GAS. THERE ARE STORES FUEL SUITABLE FOR DC-7 ON ISLAND BUT THESE "IMPOUNDED" BY AUTHORITIES. MEANWHILE, DC-7 FLIGHTS REDUCED TO ONE OR TWO PER NIGHT UNTIL FUEL PROBLEM RESOLVED.

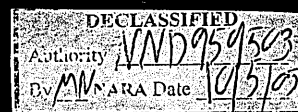
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DATE: May 5, 1969

SUBJECT: Nigerian Relief - Visit by Amb. Iyalla

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Joe Iyalla, Embassy of Nigeria
Dr. C. Clyde Ferguson, Special Coordinator on Nigerian Relief
Mr. Stephen C. Schott, U/CF

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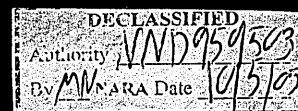
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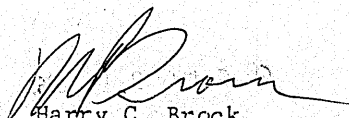
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1. Schott, Executive Director, Office of Special Coordinator, arrives Geneva via TWA #830 on May 7th at 10:15 a.m.; prepared assist Ambassador in talks Freymond, Lindt and other ICRC officials. Schott has complete dossier and prepared deal with technical, legal and other aspects matter.

2. Ferguson decided not repeat not telephone Freymond since telephone call only ~~xxx~~ likely result in further evasive statement. We consider LSM issue crucial in our relations with ICRC and can not afford further procrastination by ICRC.

3. Schott may stop in The Hague confer with Embassy officials Thursday or Friday if time permits.

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1. I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH GENERAL OVANDO DUE TO HIS TRAVELS AND APPARENT PREOCCUPATION WITH INTERNAL ARMED FORCES DISCUSSIONS AND TALKS WITH PRESIDENT OVER NEW CABINET. HE HAS TRAVELLED TODAY TO VISIT VIACHA GARRISON AND I HOPE ON HIS RETURN HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH HIM SUBJECT AS FORMULATED IN REFTEL. MEANWHILE, I HAVE DROPPED HINTS WITH VARIOUS KEY PEOPLE, BOTH IN COCHABAMBA AND LA PAZ, REGARDING OUR POSITION AND I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE OVANDO HAS GOTTEN MESSAGE.

2. I AM INCLINED TO BELIEVE OVANDO, HAVING PASSED THROUGH 1964 REVOLUTIONARY EXPERIENCE, IS WELL AWARE OF OUR ATTITUDE. INDEED, IN SPEAKING WITH NEWSWEEK CORRESPONDENT PETER KRAMER LAST WEEK, OVANDO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE STRONGLY FAVORED MAINTENANCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL FORMS AS AD HOC GOVERNMENTS BRING "SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN". CASTRO

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SUBJECT: US ASSISTANCE WITH ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

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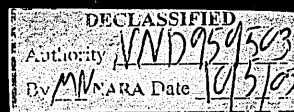
1. WE HOPE ICRC REQUEST FOR US CONTRIBUTION FOR ICELANDIC STOCKFISH PURCHASE IN REF A CAN BE APPROVED PROMPTLY. AS DEPT AND AID AWARE FROM ICELANDIC PRIME MINISTER'S TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY AND DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY SAMUELS, ICELAND DEEPLY NEEDS HELP AT THE PRESENT MOMENT FOR BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REASONS. OUR CLEAR NATIONAL INTEREST LIES IN GRANTING THIS HELP TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY DESPITE RECOGNIZED LIMITATIONS.

2. IN ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS REF B, I PASSED ON TO PRIMINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ON 25 APRIL THE INFORMATION THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO HELP WITH STOCKFISH. THE PRIMINISTER EXPRESSED DEEP GRATITUDE.

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF; ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

REF: STATE 069442

1. PRICE OF ICELANDIC STOCKFISH TO ICRC IS \$869.28 PER METRIC TON FOB AT WEST AFRICAN PORT. ICRC DOES NOT SEEK LESS THAN GOING PRICE. HOWEVER, WHEN PLACING ORDER THEY QUOTE INSIST ON QUOTE ON A CONTRIBUTION OF AN AMOUNT OF STOCKFISH EQUAL TO TEN PERCENT OF AMOUNT PURCHASED. THUS WHEN CONTRIBUTION MADE IN REFTEL ICRC BUYING 517 METRIC TONS AND GETTING ADDITIONAL 50 MT CONTRIBUTED BY ICELAND.
2. AMMAN ICRC TELEPHONED GEISEL/STUTTGART INFORMS US THERE IS NO REPEAT NO STOCKFISH AT SAO TOME. GEISEL EXPECTS GIFT OF 2-3,000 TONS FROM NORWAY. THIS NOT YET DEFINITE. CONSEQUENTLY NO PLANNED/PROJECTED SHIPMENTS. AMMAN'S TELEPHONE INQUIRY STIMULATED GEISEL TO REQUEST USG CONTRIBUTION OF UP TO 2,000 TONS STOCKFISH.
3. AMMAN HAS WORD FROM CANADIAN AMBASSADOR THAT GOC CONTRIBUTING 2,000 TONS SALTED COD WITH PROBABLE DELIVERY IN AUGUST. AND 1,000 TONS MORE SOME TIME THEREAFTER. STOCKPILE OF 300-400 TONS IN NIGERIA AND SEVERAL HUNDRED TONS IN REBEL TERRITORY AS WELL AS GOC CONTRIBUTION TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ESTABLISHING NET OVERALL REQUIREMENTS.

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4. AMMAN EXPECTS SAILING FROM ICELAND WITHIN 3-4 DAYS OF 900 TON CAPACITY VESSEL. EXPECTS LOAD AS FOLLOWS:

USG CONTRIBUTIONS:	517 TONS
ICELAND TEN PERCENT	50
OXFAM:	100
RADDA BARNEN (SWED)	100
TOTAL:	767

HAS SOUGHT CONTRIBUTION TO FILL VESSEL FROM SHELL (LONDON) BUT THEY NOT WILLING CONTRIBUTE TO REBEL SIDE. BONN (FMG) RESPONDED WITH OFFER OF 100 TONS DRIED, PRESSED FISH. AMMAN SAID WISTFULLY IT WOULD BE NICE IF USG WOULD CONTRIBUTE IMMEDIATELY 133 TONS MORE TO FILL THE SHIP. BUT SAID HE WOULD NOT REQUEST IT BECAUSE USG HAD RESPONDED SO GENEROUSLY ALREADY. (HE ADVISES THAT LESS THAN FULL SHIPLOAD DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INCREASE HIS COST.)

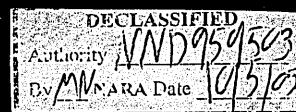
5. PLEASE ADVISE RESPONSE TO GEISSEL REQUEST (PARA 2).

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2061

S E I C R I E T COTONOU 469

FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM - GENERAL

1. AIRLIFT: COTONOU 13 FLIGHTS SUNDAY NIGHT INCLUDING ONE
BY NEWLY ARRIVED DC-6B WHICH HAS CAPACITY OF 12 TONS.

2. ST. ISABEL: SHORTAGE OF FUEL CONTINUES TO PLAGUE OPERATIONS.
LINDT AND WACHTMEISTER (REPLACING DYRSSEN) FLEW OUT SUNDAY
TO ST. ISABEL. DAWSON TALKED WITH WACHTMEISTER SUNDAY NIGHT AND
FOUND HIM MORE OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING FUEL RESUPPLY.

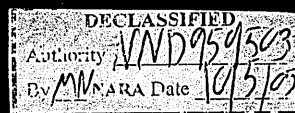
3. SAO TOME: REPORTS INDICATE 2 C-97S FLYING AS OF SAT NIGHT.
IN DISCUSSION ONE OF 97 PILOTS SAID THERE WAS GOOD POSSIBILITY
THAT A THIRD 97 WOULD BE FLYING BY MON OR TUES AFTER THE SAO
TOME CHARTER FLIGHT.

4. ULI: TRANSPORT PROBLEM FOR RELIEF GOODS APPEARS TO BE
WORSENING. THE COMBINATION OF HARD USAGE, BAD FUEL, NO SPARE
PARTS AND OCCASIONAL COMMANDEERING BY GOVERNMENT OR MILITARY
HAS PUT SEVERE STRAIN ON TRANSPORT SYSTEM. SAT NIGHT DAWSON
SAW SLOWDOWN STRIKE BY OFFLOADING CREWS AT ULI. THIS APPARENTLY
BECOMING MORE AND MORE PREVALENT AND SEVERAL TIMES CREWS FORCED
OFFLOAD THEIR OWN AIRCRAFT. THIS APPARENTLY PROBLEM MAINLY
WITH CHURCHES AS ICRC CREWS HAVE NOT MENTIONED IT.

5. ONE SOURCE (ICRC CREW) SAID THAT TWO FOUGA MEISTER JET

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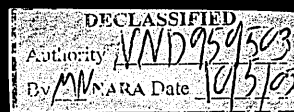
TRAINING AIRCRAFT WHICH CAN BE EQUIPPED WITH ROCKETS AND MACHINE GUNS FOR COMBAT USE ARE NOW IN BIAFRA. THESE AIRCRAFT ONES WHICH LACKED WINGS, THEIRS HAVING BEEN DESTROYED BY FIRE. THEY APPARENTLY NOW FLYABLE AND REPORTED TO HAVE MERCENARY PILOTS. APPROXIMATELY 3 HELICOPTERS OF SMALL BELL OR FRENCH ALOUETTE TYPE LOCATED BIAFRA. ONLY ONE OF THESE FIVE A HELICOPTER, REPORTED TO BE AT ULI.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1193

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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF & FOOD ASSESSMENT TEAM

REF: GENEVA 1388

1. MIRACLE COMPLETING WORK WITH TEAM WEDNESDAY MAY 7TH.
2. WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FRIDAY, MAY 9TH. WISHES MEET NORTH AND DEWEY.

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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF LSMS

REF: GENEVA 1376

1. GERBER, ICRC, ADVISES THAT EGLI DUE ARRIVE GENEVA FROM LAGOS BY TOMORROW MORNING, TOGETHER WITH FREY OF ICRC GENEVA PROCUREMENT SECTION WHO HAS BEEN ON FIELD TRIP. ACCORDING GERBER, PROFESSOR FREYMOND WISHES TO TAKE COUNSEL WITH THESE TWO OFFICIALS CONNECTION CHARTER OF LSMS.

2. I LEARN FROM LAGOS 3900 THAT LINDT IS ALSO DUE HERE MAY 6 AND 7.

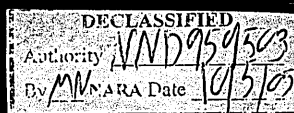
3. I WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET WITH FREYMOND AND LINDT TOGETHER TO NAIL DOWN A DECISION ON ICRC USE OF THESE VESSELS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 447

CITE SICR-DCDB 21909 (DIA)

SUBJECT: BIAFRAN AIRLIFT

1. FOLLOWING PRESUMED ARMS FLIGHTS APPARENTLY MADE APRIL 26 MAY 2:

DC-4 F-BBDD NIGHTS APRIL 28-29, 29-30 AND POSSIBLY MAY 1-2

DC-4 TR-LNV NIGHTS APRIL 28-29, MAY 1-2 AND MAY 2-3

2. APPARENT RELIEF FLIGHTS SAME PERIOD:

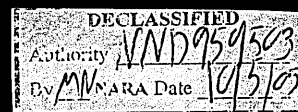
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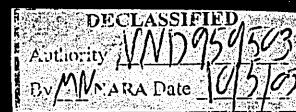
3. DC-4 F-BBDD OUT ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHT AFTERNOON APRIL 29.

4. HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY'S MYSTERY 20 HERE FOR PURPOSE UNKNOWN TO US APRIL 29-MAY 2.

5. ORDER OF MALTA DC-3 F-BRAM, ABSENT SINCE APRIL 22, RETURNED HERE MAY 1.
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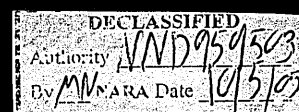
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1. FERGUSON WILL ATTEND HAGUE MEETING JUNE 5, ACCOMPANIED BY DEWEY.
 2. DEWEY ETA HAGUE JUNE 4 VIA JCA CHARTER SAO TOME - AMSTERDAM.
 3. FERGUSON ETA AMSTERDAM FROM LONDON BEI 438 JUNE 4 AT 2120.
 4. PLEASE RESERVE HOTEL ROOMS TO COVER NIGHTS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, THURSDAY, JUNE 5, FERGUSON AND DEWEY.
 5. FOR WASHINGTON: SCHOTT NEED NOT COVER HAGUE.
 6. WILL VISIT GENEVA AFTER RETURN WASHINGTON.
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1. Department prepared hold bilateral talks with Dutch MFA on surface corridors provided agenda include financing for ICRC and problems coordinating government contributions relief effort.
2. Talks should be at expert level and may be held either Washington or The Hague. We suggest that talks precede next Hague Group meeting and that principals, Ferguson and Huydecoper, meet immediately preceding Group meeting to review outcome talks and decide joint positions.
3. We assume that if joint talks are to be held next Hague Group Meeting will not take place before May 15. That would allow for expert talks May 12 and 13 and meeting of Ferguson and Huydecoper May 14.

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4. Re daylight flights: Ferguson does not intend press Lagos or Biafrans on daylight flights at this time. It is necessary that other interested governments achieve a coordinated approach to Lagos and Biafran side before drawing again on Ferguson. FYI - Ferguson intends return West Africa immediately after next Hague meeting and will be prepared then undertake necessary demarches on surface routes and/or daylight flights. End FYI.
5. We doubt that Dutch demarches could be viewed as counter-productive. However, lack of follow-up by other Hague Group governments was disappointing. Coordination of demarches was left in Dutch hands and we regret this was incomplete. Nevertheless, Ferguson appreciates support provided by Dutch Govt. as stated ref tel B.
6. Timing of demarches to Lagos has been critical factor. While it is true Ferguson counselled Nordics against demarches to Lagos re daylight flights, this was in part because of response Dutch received and danger further uncoordinated demarches could be counter-productive, in part desire keep such demarches in framework Hague Group, and in part change of timing on Ferguson's negotiations.
7. With regard to charge of Danes that Dutch stated to FMG that they acting in behalf all donor govts in making demarche, Dutch Embassy

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Washington gave us paraphrase instructions which said: "The demarche should as far as possible be coordinated with that of other countries, to the extent they receive instructions in accord with it." Our advice to Dutch now would be no further pressure for daylight flights until Hague Group has opportunity discuss whole matter, ^{and assess results Lindt Mission to Biafra} re daylight flights.

8. Regarding JCA meeting April 11: Confidential off record Canair Airstrip discussion went uninterrupted for about four hours. Proposal was rejected. Statement was included in minutes of meeting that majority of members present (1) did not wish involve the JCA Sao Tome - Uli air bridge logistics in question of building a separate relief airfield; (2) there would be no objection to members of consortium or other organizations or governments of good will engaged in assistance to Biafra to build the airstrip for humanitarian purposes provided it does not involve the JCA Sao Tome - Uli logistics; (3) if a separate humanitarian air strip existed, members

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would be prepared happily to utilize it for humanitarian purposes. Arguments raised against Canair strip included jeopardy to present airlift and pilots; reduction in relief flights due to third airstrip construction; financial cost; government rather than church responsibility; further aggravation of FMG. In reply to query by Rev. William Aitken, CWS representative Sao Tome, as to what reason he might give publicly as to turndown Canair proposals, it was suggested quote that it was the consensus of majority that it was not the church's business to build airstrips. Unquote.

9. Summation discussion relief corridors included following points: all possible should be done by JCA to secure permission for legal day flights in acceptable corridors; need to work together with ICRC, that the two airbridges, ICRC and JCA, should have a joint strategy, working together in approaches to FMG and Biafrans, but if necessary, alone; JCA hope that Ferguson may be near a realistic solution in terms of the real need (land corridor); that there were

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differences of view among members present on question of financial support but all were free to give their support to Canair.

10. Copenhagen's wrap up on Nordic Meeting provides following summary: Nigeria-Biafra - Fonmins agreed completely with major points made by Dr. Ferguson: (A) No new initiatives, political or otherwise, would be appropriate at this time; (B) in any event, only African initiatives would ever be successful, and (C) primary objective now is to work out means of transporting stockpiled foodstuffs. As result, most of discussion dwelt on transportation - with emphasis on need to convince parties involved that daylight flights only possible solution.

11. Embassy authorized draw on paras 1 and 2 of London's 3100 in discussions with MFA's Huydecoper. Information contained Lagos partly 3600 is/speculative and more recent assessment by Embassy Lagos indicates agreement with our position that Cross River corridor remains workable relief route. Therefore, we prefer that Embassy

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FOR DAWSON FROM FERGUSON

SUBJECT: RSM - Relief Supply Mission

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1. Ref C-97 radar difficulties, Cotonou: USAF is in direct contact with Balair on this, following Herzog/Dewey cable. As soon as Balair responds to USAF April 30 request for more info, should be able to isolate and ~~solve~~ ^{solve} ~~problem~~ problem.
2. Concerning C-97 spare parts generally. USAF has offered, Belair and JCA have used, direct ~~commo link~~ ^{commo link} for emergencies. Where commercial sources have failed we consider this a most responsive channel and encourage its continued use under conditions of emergency
3. Concerning C-141: You should give no encouragement at any level to this scheme. It has been described here to senior JCA officials as ~~public~~ politically and economically unworkable. Kinney, JCA, convinced that presently available charter, scheduled air service can accomplish required parts supply link. We also convinced

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and stress that these services can accomplish it at vastly less cost than C-141 scheme. With supply/maintenance planning which JCA/FTR apparently doing somewhat better now, present commercial links can also provide service within time frame Sao Tome needs the parts. ~~FYI~~ We are pushing approach along these professional lines the expensive and discouraging/amateurish and fantastically ~~expensive~~ solutions which have been suggested from time to time to patch up their ailing supply and maintenance system. End FYI.

4. Would appreciate info you might obtain, with utmost discretion, ~~any~~ on recent use by any carriers of airfield in enclave other than Uli.

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SUBJ: Nigerian Relief

- Fergusons office,
1/ (U/CF) expects to reply fully your 1574 this weekend.
2. To expedite future messages please slug for U/CF. END

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1176
INFO AMEMBASSY COTONOU
AMEMBASSY LAGOS
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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF. ICELANDIC STOCKFISH PURCHASE.

REF: GENEVA 1352

1. ICRC (AMMAN) URGENTLY REQUESTS FAVORABLE USG RESPONSE TO NEEDS FOR STOCKFISH TRANSMITTED REFTEL.

2. ACCORDING AMMAN ICRC DELEGATION UMUOUA NOW FEEDING ADDITIONAL 500,000 PERSONS REFUGED FROM UMUHIA. ALTHOUGH PROBABLY LIMITED BY LOGISTICS TO PRESENT BIAFRA FEEDING CEILING OF ONE MILLION, ICRC SEES NEED TO INCREASE FLOW OF SUPPLIES TO COMPENSATE FOR JCA'S REDUCED DELIVERIES DUE TO DESTRUCTION OF SOME FUEL STOCKS BY FIRE IN SAO TOME.

3. BELIEVES NECESSARY FEED 50 GR. DAILY RATION STOCKFISH.

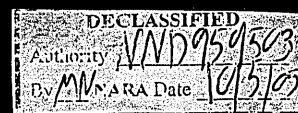
4. ICRC SENDING ONE OF ITS CHARTERED VESSELS TO MOVE ONE OR TWO THOUSAND TONS OF SUPPLIES FROM COTONOU TO SANTA ISABEL. PROPOSES TO FURTHER SUPPLY THROUGH SANTA ISABEL BY SHIPMENT STOCKFISH DIRECT FROM ICELAND. (APPEARS GOI ASSURES SUCH SAILING ALTHOUGH COMMERCIAL SHIPPING GENERALLY WILL NOT TOUCH SANTA ISABEL BECAUSE

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OF UNLOADING PROBLEMS). REQUESTS USG CONTRIBUTION OF \$450,000
ASAP TO PURCHASE 500 TONS. THIS EQUIVALENT ONE SHIPLOAD WHICH
COULD BE DESPATCHED IMMEDIATELY.
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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM

ICRC AT SANTA ISABEL IN TALK AT COTONOU AIRPORT WITH
DYRSEN (ICRC) HE SPOKE OF FUEL SHORTAGE AT SANTA ISABEL.
FUEL COMES FROM ONLY ONE SPANISH SOURCE AT TENERIFE. NORMAL
FLIGHT OPERATIONS REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 50 CUBIC METERS OF
FUEL PER NIGHT AND ICRC IS PERMITTED TO USE ONLY 15 CUBIC
METERS, SO AIRLIFT OPERATING AT LESS THAN ONE-THIRD CAPACITY.
ICRC ATTEMPTING REMEDY THIS PROBLEM ON URGENT BASIS. KNOX

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2057
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
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S E I C R I E T COTONOU 460

FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM

1. DAWSON TOOK FIRST C-97 FLIGHT INTO ULI NIGHT MAY 1. ALTHOUGH FULL MOON AND CLEAR SKIES APRIL 30 GAVE BEAUTIFUL OVERALL VIEW ULI AREA, MAY 1 FLIGHT MADE ESSENTIALLY IN DAYLIGHT, AND IT WAS POSSIBLE TO PICK OUT SOME TOPOGRAPHIC AND VEGETATION HIGHLIGHTS. SURFACE FLAT FOR MOST PART, WITH THICK BUSH AND SOME TREES.

2. WEATHER OVER ULI LAST FOUR NIGHTS HAS BEEN GOOD TO EXCELLENT WITHOUT MUCH, IF ANY, STACKING. FORTY PLUS FLIGHTS UNDER THESE CONDITIONS IS QUITE FEASIBLE GIVEN ADEQUATE FUEL SUPPLIES AND NOT TOO MANY AIRCRAFT DOWN FOR PARTS. THERE HAS BEEN NO HARASSMENT REPORTED IN THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS ALTHOUGH TEN TO TWELVE GUNBOATS LINED UP OFFSHORE ON THE SAO TOME ROUTE.

3. ON RETURN TRIP PLANE CARRIED 32 BIAFRANS PLUS ONE EUROPEAN DOCTOR. THEY SPENT NIGHT AT COTONOU AIRPORT AND WERE THEN PUT ON BALAIR DC-6 WHICH LEFT FOR EUROPE MAY 2. ABOUT 8 A.M. DESTINATIONS WERE HOLLAND, GERMANY, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM AND ALLEGEDLY UK. MAIN CASES WERE PLASTIC SURGERY, BUT OTHERS WERE BLIND, AMPUTEES, ETC. TWO BIAFRANS FROM EARLIER BATCH WENT IN LAST NIGHT ON A LATER FLIGHT. KNOX

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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3314
INFO AMCONGEN MONTREAL
AMEMBASSY LAGOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 655

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN COMPLAINT TO ICAO ON USE SAO TOME FOR FLIGHTS
TO BIAFRA

ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE, SEC GEN ICAO HAS ASKED TO
COME TO PORTUGAL TO INVESTIGATE NIGERIAN COMPLAINT AGAINST USE OF
SAO TOME AIRPORT FOR FLIGHTS TO BIAFRA. SOURCE, A HIGH-RANKING
POLICY OFFICER, SAID GOP INCLINED TO GRANT REQUEST AND TO LAY FACTS
INCLUDING HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF FLIGHTS BEFORE ICAO REP. HE
ADDED THAT WHILE GOP CLEARS RELIEF FLIGHTS FOR LANDINGS AT
SAO TOME, IT DOES NOT PURPORT TO GRANT CLEARANCES FOR
BIAFRA. BENNETT

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P: 021710Z MAY 69
FM: USMISSION GENEVA
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1. MIRACLE INFORMED MISSION FOOD SURVEY TEAM REPORT WILL BE COMPLETED NEXT WEEK. MIRACLE HAD HEARD NOTHING ABOUT WHEN TEAM CAN ENTER BIAFRA AND SEEMED PESSIMISTIC TEAM WOULD EVER GET THERE. HOWEVER, JAGGI HAS GIVEN CLEARANCE FOR TEAM ARRIVE BIAFRA.

2. MIRACLE PLANNING ARRIVE US ON OR ABOUT MAY 9. MAH (PHONETIC) ON TWO WEEK LEAVE FROM HIS SCHOOL AND NOT KNOWN IF HE WILL EXTEND. ETIENNE HAS TEACHING COMMITMENT WHICH MIGHT PREVENT HIS PARTICIPATION ON TEAM.

3. MIRACLE THINKS TEAM CANNOT ACCOMPLISH MUCH IN BIAFRA SINCE UNLIKELY ABLE CONFER WITH BIAFRAN OFFICIALS. MOST CAN DO IS ESTIMATE PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF BIAFRANS WHICH WOULD BE HAMPERED BY CHANGING MILITARY SITUATION.
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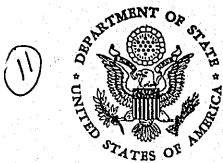
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2052

INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM - C-97S

1. DESPITE COMPLAINTS FROM SOME QUARTERS IN US ABOUT THE C-97S THE ONLY NEGATIVE COMMENTS ABOUT THESE AIRCRAFT ARE THAT THE ONES IN COTONOU WERE NOT RECEIVED IN FULLY SERVICEABLE CONDITION AND OF COURSE THE NON-AVAILABILITY OF SPARE PARTS. ALL OTHER COMMENTS ARE FAVORABLE, EVEN TO THE POINT OF CONSIDERABLE PRIDE IN THE AIRCRAFT.

2. THERE SEEMS TO BE, HOWEVER, ONE AREA WHERE THE USG TAKES THE BRUNT OF THE SPARE PARTS PROBLEM, WHICH IS RADAR. BOTH LINDT AND DYRSSEN SPOKE AT LENGTH TO DAWSON ON THIS PROBLEM, STATING THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE RADAR OPERATIVE AND THAT UNDER SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS PLANES HAD TO RETURN TO BASE WITHOUT GETTING TO ULT.

3. DAWSON REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON RADAR QUESTION SPECIFICALLY AND SPARE PARTS GENERALLY. ALSO REQUEST GUIDANCE RE C-141 WHICH BROUGHT UP FREQUENTLY ON LOWER LEVELS AT SAO TOME. AGAIN USG COMES UNDER SOME CRITICISM THAT QUESTION C-141 APPEARS AS A SORT OF CORNUCOPIA OF SPARE PARTS.

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED MAY 2 FOR SCHOTT FROM DAWSON:

PROCEEDING COTONOU VIA ULI APR 30 NECESSARY PREPARATIONS IN
TRAIN.
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INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 453

FOR: FERGUSON FROM DAWSON.

SUBJECT: RELIEF SURVEY MISSION (RSM)

REF: COTONOU 447

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1. SAO TOME: THREE C-97S GROUNDED FOR GENERATORS, STARTERS, RADIO, RADAR. REPLACEMENT NUMBERS AS GIVEN. SAO TOME, RADIO: ARN 6 AND RADAR APS42A. 3 OR 4 DC 6S FLYING REGULARLY 2 TO 3 FLIGHTS PER NIGHT AS IS CANAIR'S CONNIE. UNDERSTAND SECOND CONNIE WITH SPARES IN PROCESS. ARRIVING DESPITE ORIGINAL DELAY. PRESENT NUMBER ALL RELIEF PLANES LOCATED. SAO TOME IS NINE. MAX NUMBER FOR AIRPORT AT PRESENT IS ELEVEN ALTHOUGH ADDITIONAL STEEL PLANKING FOR PARKING AREA ARRIVING WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

2. RESERVE FUEL DUMP LOCATED BETWEEN AIRPORT AND TOWN RUN INTO AND BLOWN UP SUNDAY BY TRUCK DRIVER. RECURRING EXPLOSIONS MON AND TUES NIGHT. MET TUES NIGHT WITH SHELL WEST AFRICA REP WHO TRYING TO GET ABHI QUAL # FUEL ON URGENT BASIS. ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR DC6 TO GO TO LUANDA MAY 1 TO PICK UP ADI WHICH ALMOST 100 PERCENT LOST IN FIRE. DAWSON CONVERSATION WITH TRANSVIA PILOT AT ULT MAY 1 INDICATED THIS MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.

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ESTIMATE WITH NEW SUPPLY ADI THAT OPERATION SAO TOME AT PRESENT LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY 10 TO 15 FLIGHTS WILL CONTINUE TO MAY 6. SHELL HOPES TO HAVE AV GAS SUPPLY BY THEN.

3. DISCUSSION WITH SHELL REP TURNED TO A SMALL TANKER LOCATED PERMANENTLY AT SAO TOME. TWO BIG ADVANTAGES ARE THAT NORMAL TANKERS TOO LARGE FOR ENTRY TO SAO TOME SO SMALL ONE MUST ACT AS QUOTE LIGHTER UNQUOTE, AND A SMALL TANKER COULD ALSO BE A FLOATING FUEL SUPPLY POINT. AT PRESENT SAO TOME MUST BE SUPPLIED ABOUT FOUR TIMES PER MONTH.

4. SPENT 4 HOURS WITH GOVERNOR TUES MORNING DISCUSSING WIDE VARIETY RELIEF PROBLEMS. WHILE SKIRTING POLITICAL ISSUES, DAWSON MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: A) US, ESPECIALLY FERGUSON'S OFFICE, PLEASED TO SEE COOPERATION OF GOVERNOR WITH THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FLYING RELIEF; B) THAT HIS PROGRAM FOR HELPING BIAFRAN CHILDREN WAS GETTING WIDE ATTENTION; AND C) THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO RELIEF AGENCIES A MAN ON THE SPOT WHO COULD BY KEEPING FERGUSON'S OFFICE INFORMED BY FIELD REPORTS MAKE THAT OFFICE MORE HELPFUL AND RESPONSIVE.

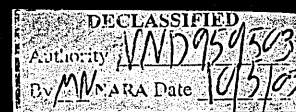
5. GOVERNOR OBVIOUSLY WELL INFORMED ON RELIEF OPERATIONS. IN THIS REGARD HE WANTS MORE PLANES INVOLVED AND ENLARGED AIRPORT. IN LATER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH VOLAG PERSONNEL THEY INDICATED SOME WILLINGNESS BY GOVERNOR TO PAY FOR AT LEAST PART OF THE ADDITIONS. ONE OF GREATEST NEEDS IS FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND FIRE TRUCK. THERE IS APPARENTLY NONE ON ENTIRE ISLAND.

6. IN PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOUR GOVERNOR TOOK DAWSON TO HOSPITAL (WORST CASES) AND SAN ANTONIO (RECUPERATIVE STAGE) WHERE BIAFRAN CHILDREN LOCATED. AT PRESENT 257 ON ISLAND WITH APPROX 30 TO 50 MORE EXPECTED SHORTLY. GOVERNOR DELIGHTED WHEN DAWSON SPOKE OF 50 ODD CHILDREN HE ENCOUNTERED IN BIAFRAN TOWN NGURU LAST MARCH AND GAVE A REPORT OF THEIR CONDITION.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BROADENING BASE FOR US PAYMENT FOR CARRYING US GOODS REACHED SAO TOME WHILE DAWSON THERE AND CAUSED SOME DISCOMFITURE WITH VOLAGS. QUESTION WAS ABOUT SUPPLY OF US GOODS AND HOW MUCH OF A SCRAMBLE THERE COULD BE TO CARRY THEM. GENERAL AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.

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8. SUMMARY: ASSUMING SPARE PARTS AVAILABILITY SOONEST, CONTINUED ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF FUEL, AND AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL CONNIE, 200 US TONS PER NIGHT FROM SAO TOME ON LESS THAN 15 FLIGHTS SHOULD BE ACHIEVABLE. KNOX

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WILL BE SERVICED UPON REQUEST.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1180
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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1. WE WELCOME TEMPORARY ADDITION HARVEY GUTMAN TO MISSION STAFF
AND LOOK FORWARD TO HIS ARRIVAL ASAP.

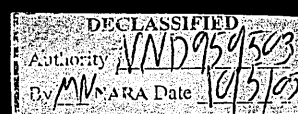
2. OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE AND SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE
FURNISHED FROM POOL OF RMRC SECTION TO WHICH GUTMAN WILL BE
ATTACHED.

3. ALTHOUGH RMRC SECRETARIES ARE PRESENTLY FULLY OCCUPIED WE
WILL DO OUR BEST TO MEET GUTMAN'S NEEDS. IF IT IS FELT THAT HIS
WORK WILL REQUIRE FULL-TIME SECRETARY REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1175
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SUBJECT: NIGERIA RELIEF LSM'S

REF: STATE 064296 AND TELECONS DEWEY-LENT

1. GERBER, ICRC, INFORMS US DOSSIER ON LSM CONTRACT NOW IN HANDS
OF PROF. FREYMOND. WE ASSUME HE STUDYING IT THIS WEEKEND AND WILL
CONVEY ICRC POSITION TO US MONDAY.
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FOR UYCF FROM NEAL

1. IN TALK WITH BEER, LICROSS BEGGEN, YESTERDAY, WAS INFORMED STANISSIS, SPECASST TO UNDER SECEN, LEFT FOR LAGOS APRIL 29 AND WILL REMAIN FOR FIVE WEEKS TO ASSESS RELIEF NEEDS AS A BASIS FOR FUTURE LICROSS OPERATIONS. (STANISSIS WILL ONLY WORK WITH FMG SINCE LICROSS CAN ONLY RECOGNIZE ONE RC SOCIETY PER COUNTRY). BEER SAID STANISSIS SEEKING MAP OUT NIGERIAN RED CROSS RELIEF PROGRAMS TO AID RIVER STATES. PROGRAM VIEWS AS PILOT PROJECT TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND COMPETENCE OF NRC SO THAT FMG WILL DEPEND ON THEM CARRY LARGE SHARE REHABILITATION IN FUTURE. BEER CONVINED REHAB SHOULD BE LEFT NIGERIANS. LICROSS (PROTECT SOURCE)

AND LUTHERAN WELFARE FEDERATION (LWF) CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING \$275,000 LWF FINANCED PROGRAM (2 FLOATING AMBULANCES, 2 FLOATING DISPENSARIES, 2 MOBILE CLINICS, SEWING CENTER, AGRICULTURE AND FISH PROGRAM) TO HELP RIVER STATES. PROGRAM WHICH SHOULD BE APPROVED BY MAY 10 INCLUDES NIGERIAN PERSONNEL.

2. LICROSS ROUNDING UP NOW MULTINATIONAL RC TEAM FROM AFRICA, ASIA, LATIN AMERICA TO SERVE AS TRAINING OFFICERS FOR NRC IN THEIR RELIEF OPERATION.

3. BEER AND DABNE, UNDER SECEN (US) HOPE TO MEET CF ON NEXT TRIP GENEVA AND EXPRESSED DESIRE TO HAE A LIAISON WITH MISSION OR UYCF PERSON IN GENEVA FOR TRANSFER OF INFO ON LICROSS PROGRAMS.

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Honorable Charles C. Diggs, Jr.
Chairman
Subcommittee on Africa
Foreign Affairs Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

There is returned herewith the transcript of the testimony by Clarence Clyde Ferguson, Jr., Special Coordinator on relief to the civilian victims of the Nigerian civil war, as given in open session before the Subcommittee on April 24, 1969.

Minor factual and grammatical corrections have been made and additional information requested has been supplied for the record.

Sincerely yours,

5/28/69
William S. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary for
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SUBJECT: Nigerian Relief Program: Proposed TDY Assignment U.S.
Mission Geneva - Harvey Gutman

JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE

1. Request Mission concurrence TDY assignment Harvey Gutman to rotate between Geneva and Washington as member of Ferguson staff. Expect majority of time to be spent in Geneva in liaison with ICRC and working with ICRC staff on common programming, budgeting concerns relative to Nigerian relief. This in accordance with Ferguson/Freymond understanding.
2. In addition to above responsibilities, Gutman will assist Mission in providing AID information essential to its funding and program responsibilities in line with reftel.
3. Request Mission furnish two office spaces with secretarial assistance for use by Ferguson staff on temporary duty in connection Nigerian relief.

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4. Gutman is an FSR-2 and has a M.A. in international finance, administration. He is fluent in French and German. He has just completed a tour of duty assisting the Minister/Director of Thailand in planning and negotiating a major rural development program. His previous experience includes assignments as Senior AID Official in Paris dealing with French Government and banks concerned with foreign economic programs; Senior Washington Desk Officer for economic assistance operations in six African countries, ~~via~~ program assignment in Togo; and preparation annual economic analysis of Laos Government budget. Available Geneva any time after May 12.

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SUBJ: NORDIC FONMINS MTG APR 23-24; AID TO NIGERIA,
POSTWAR AID TO VIET NAM

REF: COPENHAGEN 1548, 1549; STOCKHOLM 1076

1. EMBOFF RECEIVED RUNDOWN ON NORDIC FONMINS MTG APRIL
23-24 FROM THUNE ANDERSEN OF MFA WHO DID MUCH OF PLANNING
FOR MTG. THUNE ANDERSEN DESCRIBED MTG AS ROUTINE WITH
NO STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS. ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN
ANY DISCUSSION OF NORDEC, HE ANSWERED "NO", WHICH HE
SAID WAS BASED ON EARLIER AGREEMENT THAT NORDEC WOULD
BE HANDLED SOLELY BY PM'S AND ECON. MINS.

2. INGERIA-BIAFRA - FONMINS AGREED COMPLETELY WITH
MAJOR POINTS MADE BY DR. FERGUSON: (A) NO NEW INITIATIVES,
POLITICAL OR OTHERWISE, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS
TIME; (B) IN ANY EVENT, ONLY AFRICAN INITIATIVES WOULD
EVER BE SUCCESSFUL, AND (C) PRIMARY OBJECTIVE NOW
IS TO WORK OUT MEANS OF TRANSPORTING STOCKPILED
FOODSTUFFS. AS RESULT, MOST OF DISCUSSION DWELT

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1. DAWSON ARRIVED COTONOU FROM SAO TOME VIA ULI NIGHT OF APR 30.

2. HE FOUND THREE C-97S OF JCA GROUNDED IN SAO TOME FOR SPARE PARTS. THESE CONSIST MAINLY OF COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE STARTERS, GENERATORS, RADIOS AND RADAR. DAWSON SHOWN ADVERTISEMENT IN QTE TRADE A PLANE UNQTE 2ND APR EDITION FOR FIRM AERO TECH TUCSON WHICH HAS ALL THE ABOVE PARTS. ONE PLANE LACKS CARGO DOOR WHICH DAWSON UNDERSTANDS WAS BUMPED AT AMSTERDAM FROM MARTINAIR CHARTER FLIGHT.

3. C-97 WHICH BROUGHT DAWSON FROM SAO TOME WAS ON SECOND FLIGHT OF NIGHT BUT WAS LEAKING PROP OIL AT ULI SO PROBABLY GROUNDED ON RETURN.

4. COMMENTS ON SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS AND FURTHER DETAIL SAO TOME OPERATION WILL FOLLOW BY LATER CABLE. KNOX

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SUBJ: NIGERIA RELIEF: US ASSISTANCE WITH ICELAND STOCKFISH
PURCHASE

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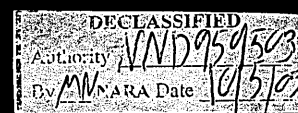
1. ICRC REVIEW OF STOCKFISH POSITION AND REQUEST FOR A U.S.G.
CONTRIBUTION FOR PURCHASE OF STOCKFISH FOLLOWS: QUOTE: PRESENT
STOCKFISH REQUIREMENTS AS PER SIX MONTHS BUDGET ICRC FMG
TERRITORIES: 25 GR. PER CAPITA ONE MILLION PERSONS: 750 MT
PER MONTH EQUAL 3,000 MT. MAY TO AUGUST. PRESENT STOCK SITUATION
1,500 MT. NEEDED 1,500 MT. BIAFRA CONTROLLED TERRITORIES: 25
GR. PER CAPITA TWO MILLION PERSONS: 1500 MT PER MONTH EQUAL 6,000
MT. MAY TO AUGUST. PRESENT STOCKSITUATION 500 MT IN SANTA
ISABEL AND 2,000 MT IN COTONOU. NEEDED 3,500 MT.

COSTS AND REQUIREMENTS OF ICELANDIC STOCKFISH. A) FOR THE WHOLE
PERIOD: 5,000 MT SHORT OR APPROXIMATELY 4-1/2 MILLION DOLLARS.
B) FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1969. PURCHASES ICELANDIC STOCKFISH
IN MAY AND JUNE: 2,750 MT OR APPROXIMATELY 2-1/2 MILLION DOLLARS.

SCHEDULE OF PURCHASES AND DELIVERIES OF ICELANDIC
STOCKFISH: PURCHASE MAY 500 MT. FOR SANTA ISABEL URGENT.
PURCHASE JUNE: 750 MT FOR LAGOS, 1,000 MT FOR SANTA ISABEL,
500 MT FOR COTONOU. PURCHASE JULY: 750 MT FOR LAGOS, 1,000 MT

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FOR SANTA ISABEL, 500 MT FOR COTONOU.

EXPECTED DONATIONS FROM NORWEGIAN RED CROSS AND/OR GOVERNMENT, GERMAN RED CROSS AND/OR GOVERNMENT, BONN RAEDDA, BARMEN STOCKHOLM, OXFORD COMMITTEE FOR FAMINE RELIEF, OXFORD, SHELL/BP COMPANY, LONDON, CANADIAN RED CROSS AND/OR GOVERNMENT. THE LATTER HAS FORESEEN SALTED CODFISH NOT CONVENIENT AS ABSORPTION OF HUMIDITY AND THEREFORE PERISHABLE GOODS. ALL THESE DONATIONS EXPECTED TO COVER ONE-THIRD OF TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FROM MAY TO AUGUST, I.E. APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS.

CONCLUSION THEREFORE AN ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION OF USAID AMOUNTING TO 3 MILLION DOLLARS MINIMUM WOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED AND ENABLE ICRC TO FULLFILL THE EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM UNTIL AUGUST 31, 1969.

AS STOCK OF STOCKFISH IN SANTA ISABEL FROM WHERE REGULAR AIRLIFT TO BIAFRA IS MAINTAINED IS FULLY EXHAUSTED WITHIN THE NEXT WEEKS IMMEDIATE SHIPMENTS OF AT LEAST 500 TONS, VALUE APPROXIMATELY 442,000 DOLLARS SHOULD BE ARRANGED.

AS SHIPPING TIME FROM ICELAND TO NIGERIA/BIAFRA RESPECTIVELY COTONOU, SANTA ISABEL, LOADING AND UNLOADING OF VESSEL NEEDS AT LEAST ONE MONTH AND URGENT DECISION IS OF COURSE OF HIGH AND VITAL IMPORTANCE. FURTHERMORE WE REFER TO THE REPORT OF SENATOR CHARLES E. GOODELL AND HIS DELEGATION AND AS WELL AS THE FERGUSON COMMISSION.

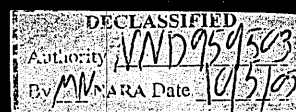
DAILY RATION 25GR. PER CAPITA WITH POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING UP TO 50 GR. PER CAPITA ESPECIALLY IN THE REGION OF BIAFRA. UNQUOTE.

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SUBJECT: RELIEF CORRIDORS

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1. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE CROSS RIVER CORRIDOR IS SUITED TO SUPPLY POPULATION LEFT IN AREA EAST OF IMO RIVER. FURTHERMORE, DATT BELIEVES REBELS ARE CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING CONTROL OVER LAND MASS EAST OF UMUHIA (SOMETIMES CALLED AROCHUKU SALIENT), AND THEREFORE USE OF CROSS RIVER AS RELIEF CORRIDOR INTO THAT REBEL ENCLAVE SHOULD NOT BE DISCOUNTED.

2. DATT'S ASSESSMENT WITH WHICH UK ASST DEFENCE ADV AND UK MILITARY OBSERVER CAIRNS AGREE IS BASED ON FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

A. OBJECTIVE OF RECENT FED 1ST DIVISION OFFENSIVE WAS SEIZURE OF UMUHIA. CLEARING REBELS ALONG WEST BANK OF CROSS RIVER WAS NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDED AS PART THIS MISSION. THUS 1ST DIVISION'S MILITARY OPERATIONS CONFINED TO DRIVING A WEDGE FROM OKIGWI AND AFIKRO TO UMUHIA.
B. FEDERAL IN UMUHIA SECTOR ARE EXPECTED TO REQUIRE AN EXTENSIVE PERIOD OF TIME TO REORGANIZE AND RESUPPLY, AND DURING THIS PERIOD WILL HOLD AND CONSOLIDATE GAINS. FEDERAL SUPPLY LINES LONGER AND TROOPS MORE DISPERSED THAN EVER, THEREBY FURTHER INCREASING TIME REQUIREMENT. NO NEW FEDERAL OFFENSIVES EXPECTED BE LAUNCHED FROM UMUHIA AREA.

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C. WITH REBEL CAPITAL LIBERATED PRIORITY OF FEDERAL OBJECTIVES EXPECTED FOCUS ON REBEL AIRSTRIPS. ANTICIPATED 1ST DIVISION WILL LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE FROM OKIGWI MOVING WEST TOWARD OKWELE AND THE UGC AIRSTRIP.
D. FEDERAL 3RD DIVISION NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVED CAPABLE LAUNCHING ANY MAJOR OFFENSIVE FROM ITU AND IKOT EKPENE SECTORS AT THIS TIME.

3. DATT THEREFORE CONCLUDE FEDERALS DO NOT CONSIDER REBELS IN AREA EAST OF OMO RIVER AS SERIOUS THREAT TO SECURITY FEDERAL FORCES AND THEREFORE IT DOUBTFUL FEDERALS WILL ATTEMPT FOR TIME BEING TO REMOVE THEM FROM THIS AREA. REBELS WILL THEREFORE BE ABLE HOLD THIS SECTOR UNLESS THEY THEMSELVES CHOOSE WITHDRAW TO AREAS WEST OF IMO RIVER. IN SUM AREA IS AT PRESENT CONSIDERED UNCONTESTED.

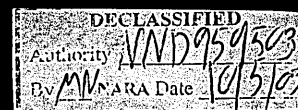
4. WE HAVE DISCUSSED FOREGOING WITH WOOD WHO CONCURS IN ASSESSMENT OF CONTINUED VALUE CROSS RIVER ROUTE AS WELL AS EMBASSY COMMENTS WHICH FOLLOW. WOOD DEPARTING LAGOS MAY 1. WITH SPROWLS FOR INSPECTION KOKO AND WARRI IN MID WEST, RETURNING LATE MAY 2. HE WILL ATTEMPT DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION FROM WATERWAYS SOURCES IN WARRI IN RESPONSE REFTEL.

5. ALTHOUGH CROSS RIVER ROUTE WOULD APPEAR STILL FEASIBLE AS CORRIDOR INTO REBEL HELD AREA ROUTE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE USABLE TO REACH MAJOR PART OF POPULATION IN REBEL AREA WHO NOW GATHERED WEST OF IMO RIVER. THIS IS BECAUSE ACCESS TO BRIDGE OVER IMO WEST OF UMUHIA CONTROLLED BY FEDERALS AND OWERRI ABA ROAD BRIDGE REMAINS CONTESTED. SEVERAL NEW CORRIDOR CONSIDERATIONS WOULD THEREFORE OBTAIN. DEPENDING ON DEGREE TO WHICH AREA IS "CUT OFF" FROM REBEL HEADQUARTERS AND DIRECTION THERE COULD BE DIFFICULTIES IN WORKING OUT MODALITIES FOR RELIEF ROUTE FOOD TRANSFER DISTRIBUTION ETC. WITH REMAINING REBEL LEADERSHIP IN EASTERN SALIENT. SECONDLY, SINCE ICRC AND PRESUMABLY CHURCHES HAVE WITHDRAWN WEST OF IMO CORRIDOR PLANNING WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE TO INCLUDE POSITIONING OF RELIEF PERSONNEL AND TRANSPORT AND FUEL REQUIREMENTS ETC. THROUGH RELIEF CORRIDOR ITSELF.

6. CURRENT POPULATION IN SALIENT AREA UNDER REBEL CONTROL DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE PARTICULARLY SINCE RELIEF OPERATIONS

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HAVE CEASED THERE. INDICATIONS ARE THAT UP TO 8000 HAVE LEFT AREA MOVING NORTHWARDS AFIKPO (LAGOS 3781) BUT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO REPEAT NO GREAT EXODUS OF REFUGEES INTO AFIKPO AREA SO FAR. ALTHOUGH ROAD WEST FROM UMUHIA WAS REPORTED CLOGGED WITH REFUGEES BEFORE CITY'S FALL IT DIFFICULT ESTIMATE HOW MANY REMAINED IN AREA SOUTH AND EAST OF UMUHIA. SEEMS LIKELY HOWEVER MANY FLED TO BUSH AND REMAIN IN AREA.

7. OTHER ROUTES: IN ABSENCE POSSIBILITY ON GROUND SURVEY ORASHI RIVER ROUTE WE HAVE LITTLE TO ADD TO PREVIOUS INFORMATION SUBMITTED ON OGUTA WATER ROUTES (WARRI/BURUTU, NUN BRANCH AND DEGEMA). THIS SUBMITTED OUR 155505 (DEC 20) AND 1711 (FEB 25) AND IN ESSENCE INDICATES ORASHI RIVER TECHNICALLY UNSUITABLE EVEN IN HIGH WATER SEASON (JUNE/NOV) EVEN IF FMG POLITICAL AND MILITARY OBJECTIONS COULD BE OVERCOME. SINCE FALL OF UMUHIA, AIRSTRIPS (AND OGUTA) EVEN MORE CLEARLY EMERGE AS PRINCIPAL FMG MILITARY OBJECTIVE. ALTHOUGH OUR INFORMATION BASED CHIEFLY ON DUTCH NEDECON RIVER STUDY, DUTCH MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INDICATING DEGEMA (LUNDS PLAN) ROUTE FEASIBLE AND WE WOULD OF COURSE BE INTERESTED IN THEIR VIEWS.

8. THERE IS DEARTH INFORMATION HERE ON IMO RIVER WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN UTILIZED COMMERICALLY IN PRE CIVIL WAR DAYS. IT PROBABLY WAS USED TO FLOAT DRUMS PLAM OIL LASHED TOGETHER AS RAFT DOWNSTREAM TO MINOR PORT OF OPOBO. ACCORDING TO NIS 508 (SECTION 33, INLAND WATERWAY), IMO IS NAVIGABLE MINOR WATERWAY AS FAR UPSTREAM AS ABA/OWERRI ROAD CROSSING. NIS DESCRIBES CHANNEL WIDTH AS 45 TO 90 METERS, WATER LEVEL AT HIGH WATER RISES 1.8 TO 3.0 METERS WITH STRONG CURRENTS. FALLEN TREES OFTEN OBSTRUCT CHANNEL. BEFORE IMO RIVER COULD BE CONSIDERED AS POTENTIAL RELIEF CORRIDOR ROUTE, FIRMER INFORMATION NEEDED. WE AND WOOD WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN SUCH.

9. RE VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS IN EVENT COLLAPSE OF REBEL ENCLAVE WOOD ATTEMPTING COLLECT INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 6 RETEL. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES AND EMBASSY AGREE THERE WILL BE REQUIREMENT FOR MORE VEHICLES IN EVENT SUDDEN REBEL COLLAPSE.

10. WE GIVING FURTHER CONSIDERATION RE POSSIBLE ROUTES

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FOR INFUSION RELIEF SUPPLIES IN EVENT IMMINENT COLLAPSE
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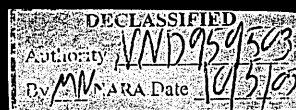
1. WOOD IN MID WEST AND RETURNS LATE MAY 2. REF TEL

UNFORTUNATELY ARRIVED AFTER HIS DEPARTURE FOR WARRI AND
EMBASSY HAS LOOKED INTO QUESTION.

2. FREIGHTER FUCINATORE ENTERED WARRI RIVER BY USUAL ROUTE
THROUGH EXCRAVOS RIVER (1776 FT DEPTH PLUS 3-4 FT ON TIDE)
THENCE VIA CHANOMI CREEK AND FORCADOS RIVER. PRESUME
QUESTION ARISES BECAUSE OF LENGTH FUCINATORE. WITH
LENGTH 573 FEET VESSEL WAS ONE OF LONGEST IN LOCAL
MEMORY TO NEGOTIATE BENDS OF RIVER TO WARRI (AVERAGE
LENGTH IS 480 FEET). IT IS THOUGHT THAT FUCINATORE DIS-
CHARGED PIPE AT JUNCTION WARRI RIVER AND CRAW FORD CREEK
BECAUSE SHE PROBABLY COULD NOT NEGOTIATE LAST BEND INTO
WARRI. AND THAT SHELL BP CONTRACTOR DESIRED DISCHARGE ON
THAT SIDE ANYWAY.
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1. ICRC GENEVA TODAY AUTHORIZED DORSEN, COTONOU, AND JAGGI IN
BIAFRA PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION ON AIRLIFT FLIGHTS FOR DAWSON
AS REQUESTED REFTEL.

2. ICRC POINTS OUT TRAVEL WILL BE AT PASSENGER'S OWN RISK.
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